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# NEW CRISIS ARISES IN SHANGHAI AREA

Japanese Claim Column's Race To Taihu Lake

## COMPLETELY OUTWITTED ON WESTERN FRONT

### MAGNIFICENT WORK BY REARGUARDS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, 2 p.m., To-day.

Although the Chinese withdrawal from the Soochow Creek sector was confidently predicted yesterday, when signs of the Chinese intention were first detected, the operation took the Japanese completely by surprise, to the extent that some hours elapsed before they became aware that a large-scale movement was under way.

They lost any opportunity of inflicting casualties on the retiring troops, a fact chiefly attributable to the magnificent control of the rear-guards, who during the hours of darkness, when the withdrawal was at its height, maintained machine-gun and trench mortar fire on a scale suggesting that their trenches were much more thickly manned.

When the Japanese troops in the sector nearest the Settlement boundary eventually essayed an advance, they found themselves occupying trenches which had been completely abandoned.

The Chinese troops have taken up a newly prepared line west of the Hungjiao Aerodrome, extending behind Kiangkiao to Nanziang. Kiangkiao was occupied by the Japanese at about 9 a.m. without resistance, and the village of Hungchiao-chen fell into their hands similarly.

Both are to the south-west of Nanziang and the Japanese appear now to be preparing to attack Nanziang from this direction.

Nanziang which has already cost the Japanese heavily in men in the last twelve days is expected to witness even more violent fighting shortly as capture is likely to be the immediate objective of General Matsui on the Shanghai front.

**HANGCHOW OPERATIONS**  
According to the Japanese command, the Hangchow Bay operations are developing more or less according to plan, although stubborn resistance is being offered at Sangkiang and there is some reason to believe the Chinese claim that the Japanese column aiming at Sangkiang has been compelled to retreat.

Another detachment has, however, thrown itself across the Hangchow-Shanghai Railway farther south and effectively stopped the possibility of any Chinese retreat in this direction.

#### REACHES LAKE

The third detachment, believed to be about 10,000 strong, is reported to have struck across country, passed the Hangchow-Shanghai Railway, and reached the Taihu Lake, cutting the railway between Hangchow and Nanking near Nanziang.

Reinforcements are being despatched according to Japanese sources, who admit that the troops are not in sufficient strength to strike along the railway towards Soochow.

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### TAIYUANFU'S WEST GATE FALLS TO NEW ONSLAUGHT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Peiping, 1.45 p.m. To-day.

It is evident from the Japanese official reports on the sanguinary fighting now taking place in the streets of Taiyuanfu that the Chinese defenders are living up to their proclaimed intention of dying fighting and that capture of the city is proving a costly operation.

When dawn broke this morning, the gains of the Japanese troops attacking from the North and East Gates, and the breach

### NO PEACE TALKS

Berlin, To-day.

A Chinese Embassy statement here yesterday says that the Nanking Foreign Office has definitely denied all reports that discussions between China and Japan for ending the war were taking place, or that apart from the Brussels Conference any other mediation was in progress.—Trans-Ocean.

in the wall at the north-east corner of the city were small. They had had to battle in streets, every other building in which seemed to house a machine-gun detachment.

#### PASSAGE FORCED

To compel withdrawal, a further onslaught was launched at 6 a.m. on the West Gate, following a heavy artillery bombardment, and at 9 a.m. the Goto Regiment and the Itagura Brigade had forced a passage and were threatening the flanks of the defending troops.

The manoeuvre achieved its purpose, and the Chinese defence.

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# WEAKNESS OF BRITISH EMPIRE IN THE FAR EAST

## Eyes On The Netherlands East Indies

### BRITAIN'S FOREIGN PEACE POLICY

London, To-day.

Speaking in his capacity as an Ex-Serviceman, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in an address to his constituents at Warwick at the week-end, emphasised the Government's peace policy.

He wanted, he said, to renew the assurances he had given in the House of Commons that British foreign policy was based on a desire for security and peace.

All those, he stated, who were working for peace, felt encouraged when they thought that all Ex-

### BELGIUM'S NEW PREMIER

Brussels, To-day.

M. Spaak, former Foreign Minister, has virtually succeeded in forming a new Coalition Government.

The new Cabinet comprises six Catholics, six Socialists and three Liberals.—Reuter.

Servicemen stood solidly behind them in a desire for peace.—Trans-Ocean.

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Travel Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions to the Association for the period 1937-1938: Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, \$50; Messrs Jebson and Co., \$50; and Messrs Kayamally and Co. \$10.

### BRITAIN AND N.E.I. INDEPENDENCE

The war in China is emphasising the weakness of Britain's defences in the Pacific, while the demand in England for a complete boycott of Japanese goods is becoming louder every day.

There are unemotional realists, who understand the public cry for a boycott, even support it, but who ask what would happen if an officially-supported boycott ended in a war involving the Empire in the Far East.

"There is no escaping the fact that Britain is incomparably weaker, in a military sense, in the Pacific than in the Mediterranean," the "Manchester Guardian" does not hesitate to point out. "We are weak also because the state of Europe would not permit us to

detach forces for the Far East; and also because any extension of the war in the Far East would invite the European enemies of peace to make a move."

It is undoubtedly this fact that is playing a very important part in causing unofficial British naval opinion seriously to suggest creating a two-hemisphere fleet. If a British southern-hemisphere fleet was created the ability of the Dutch adequately to defend the East Indies would become increasingly important.

#### HONG KONG

An indication of the weight that is given to this may be obtained from phrases in a leading article in "The Times" lauding Holland's vote of \$4,160,000 for the expansion of the Netherlands Navy.

It says "Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and the neighbouring small islands form a semi-circle round Singapore and stand squarely over Britain's main communications with the Far East and the Antipodes. Their problems of trade and defence are consistent with those of India, Malaya, and Hong Kong to the north, and Australia and New Zealand to the south."

"The same considerations that caused Britain to establish a base at Singapore have decided Holland to expand her navy, to ring the Borneo oilfields with defences, to establish submarine and seaplane bases in New Guinea, and to send out to Java new American bombers and Dornier flying-boats."



The London Scottish accompanied by their Commanding Officer, Col. Henderson, who was making his last official appearance with the London Scottish, on October 16 visited Buckingham Palace, to parade before the Queen, and to be photographed with her. Photo shows—Officers of the London Scottish arriving at the Palace. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

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### ANXIETY FOR MISSIONARIES RELIEVED

Tientsin, To-day.

Relieving all anxiety concerning their safety, the British missionaries who were in Changteh, in North Honan, at the time of the town's capture by the Japanese, have sent a message to the British Consular-General in Tientsin, stating "Everyone safe."

The missionaries belong to the United Church of Canada Mission, and include

Dr. Margaret Foster,  
Dr. W. K. Reed,  
Rev. J. G. Matthews.

### AMOY SHELLED

Canton, To-day.

A message from Foochow states that Amoy was shelled by four Japanese warships yesterday afternoon.

The vessels steamed up close to the shore and shelled the Chinese fort.

They departed half an hour afterwards.—Our Own Correspondent.

Rev. D. K. Faris, and  
Rev. W. H. Mitchell.

No casualties hitherto have occurred among missionaries in the war zone in North China, according to reports received by the British Consulate.

Notified beforehand of the whereabouts of the various missions, the Japanese are reported to be avoiding shelling and bombing mission compounds, which have been requested to display prominently signs distinguishing them from other buildings.—Reuter.



## The Lord Mayor's Show: Relay From London

# To-day's Wireless

## Tchaikowsky: Theme And Variations From Suite No. 3

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Variety.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Harry Roy and His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.  
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7.11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7.00 p.m.—Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York.  
Overture 'Semiramide' (Rossini).  
'A Midsummer Night's Dream' (Mendelssohn).  
7.20 p.m.—Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.  
O Wusst' Ich Doch Den Weg Zurück.  
Vier Ernste Gesänge, Op. 121 No. 3—O Tod, O Tod, wie bitter. (Brahms).  
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

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7.35 p.m.—Carroll-Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends and The Hill Billies.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio-Raymond Lui and His Hawaiian Serenaders.  
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—The Lord Mayor's Show.  
A description of the scenery as the procession passes through the streets of London.  
9.15 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.  
'The Pirates Of Penzance'—Vocal Gems.  
Columbia Light Opera Company.  
'Patience'—  
So Go to Him.  
Bertha Lewis and George Baker.  
It's Clear That Medieval Art.  
D. Oldham, M. Green and D. Fancourt.  
Love is a Plaintive Song.  
Winifred Lawson.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in G. Played by the London Symphony-Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.  
10.10 p.m.—Songs by Gerhard Husch (Baritone).  
Die Ehre Gottes Aus Der Natur

(Beethoven).  
Die Beiden Grenadiere (Schumann).  
'Don Giovanni'—Champagne Aria—'Treibt der Champagner' (Mozart).  
10.20 p.m.—Light Variety Concert.  
Piano—  
Invitation To The Dance (Weber).  
Ignaz Friedman.  
Vocal—  
Sweet Confessions (Ernst).  
Listen To The Old Well's Rippling (Aftmann-Lohner).  
Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).  
Violin—  
The Zephyr (Jeno Hubay).  
After Sundown (Scott).  
Efrem Zimbalist.  
Vocal—  
'Helen' (Offenbach) — O Divine Couple To shield the husband's honour.  
Friedel Schuster (Soprano).  
Orchestral—  
Indian Love Lyrics (Woodford-Finden-Arr. Mikulicz).  
Marek Weber and His Orch.  
'A Waltz Dream' — Potpourri (Strauss, arr. Dostal).  
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

### TRANSMISSION 2

#### Frequencies—

GSI 21.53 Mc/s (1293 m.)  
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (1397 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1686 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (1976 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben, Organ of the Plaza Cinema, Swansea.  
11.15 a.m.—BBC Ballroom.  
11.55 a.m.—Mrs. Beeton.  
12.25 p.m.—The Lord Mayor's Show.  
1.15 p.m.—Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements.

### TRANSMISSION 3

#### Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (1397 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1686 m.)  
GSI 21.53 Mc/s (1293 m.)  
GSO (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.58 Mc/s

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben, Songs From The North.  
2.40 p.m.—'Film Shots'.  
3.00 p.m.—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.  
3.45 p.m.—The Lord Mayor's Show.  
4.00 p.m.—Big Ben, The News and Announcements, Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.20 p.m.—Keyboard Music Through the Ages—6. Beethoven.  
4.45 p.m.—'Word Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

### BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DIQ 19.63 m.

### H.K.T.

3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.  
3.30 p.m.—We worship at the Altar of the Hall of Fame.  
4.30 p.m.—In Commemoration of the 9th of November.  
5.15 p.m.—Organ Music.  
6.00 p.m.—News.  
9.15 p.m.—Chamber Music.  
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.  
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

## BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

### TRANSMISSION 1

#### Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1686 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (1976 m.)  
GSD 17.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)  
GSB 8.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

### G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben, A Recital by Frank Merrick (Pianoforte).  
8.35 a.m.—Music-Hall.  
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements, Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.  
9.55 a.m.—'Empire Exchange'.  
10.30 a.m.—Close Down.

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—'Personal Property'.—A new romantic team will be seen in this comedy-drama—Robert Taylor and Jean Harlow. Others in the cast include Reginald Owen, Henrietta Crossman, E. E. Clive, Una O'Connor, Cora Witherspoon and Maria Shelton.

AT THE MAJESTIC—'Girls Can Play', with Jacqueline Wells, Charles Quigley, George McKay and Patricia Farr. A murder story in which a soft ball 'cuties' is shot at the home plate in full view of hundreds.

AT THE KING'S—'Captains Courageous', with Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore and Melvyn Douglas. Rudyard Kipling's tale of the sea made into an excellent film. There are thrills and heart-throbs mixed in the right combination.

AT THE STAR—'San Francisco', with Clark Gable and Jeanette MacDonald. A gay, romantic and spectacular picture with tuneful music and exquisite singing.

AT THE ALHAMBRA & QUEEN'S—'Wee Willie Winkie', with Shirley Temple, Victor McLaglen, June Lang, C. Aubrey Smith, Michael Whalen and Cesar Romero. The famous Rudyard Kipling story of India. In the heart of mighty India where all the world is wild and strange and in the land of the Bengal Lancers, the story deals with the glorious adventures of the Scottish Highlanders in action and of the girl who won the right to wear their plaid. All the thrills and reckless heroism in the picture makes it one of the greatest ever made.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## The Lowly Six Spot

Whenever one player wishes to make a particularly complimentary remark about another, he uses the time honoured hyperbole that "So-and-So makes aces out of deuces." Actually, this sort of transmutation is exceedingly rare and I, for one, fervently hope that I am not called upon to perform such a feat with any regularity. It cannot be denied, however, that if the conditions are just right, clever players can do wonders with insignificant cards. Consider the value of a six spot in to-day's hand.

East, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

### NORTH

S—J 10 8 7  
H—2  
D—K 10 3 2  
C—K 9 4 2

### WEST

S—A 6 2  
H—8 7 5 4 3  
D—6 5 4  
C—3 2

### SOUTH

S—K 9 5 4 3  
H—A K Q 9  
D—Q 9  
C—J 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 diamond	1 spade	Pass	2 spades
3 clubs	3 hearts	Pass	4 spades
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

East started with his shorter diamond suit as a prepared bid, preserving the club suit for rebid purposes. His three club bid was, as he knew, a decided stretch, but he thought it might be worth while to suggest sacrifice possibilities

to his partner, if the opponents went to game.

West decided that his doubleton club offered better defensive possibilities than his three card diamond suit, and hence opened the club eight. Dummy played low, East won with the queen, and cashed the ace. A third round of clubs made matters embarrassing for declarer. It would not benefit him to discard a diamond, since he still would have a diamond loser and therefore the only sensible course was to prevent West from ruffing with a low trump. To this end declarer ruffed with the nine of spades. West was not one of those players who feel that the trump ace can win two tricks and therefore did not hesitate to over-ruff with his ace. A diamond return, won by East's ace, then was followed with another club and, at this point, the six of trumps assumed enormous importance. (Of course declarer already was down one, but since this was duplicate bridge an extra trick might mean quite a difference in the match point scoring.) One thing was certain: To ruff this club with the king of spades would automatically establish the trump queen. So declarer ruffed with the five spot and now West was surprised and delighted to find that his hand was worth two defensive tricks. The good defence, plus the advantage of a six over a five, had brought the defenders a top score on the board.

### TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Dealer opened the bidding with one heart. Next player passed. What is correct response to one heart with:  
S—A J 7 6 H—8 7 D—7 1 C—A Q 7 6 3?

Answer: Two clubs.



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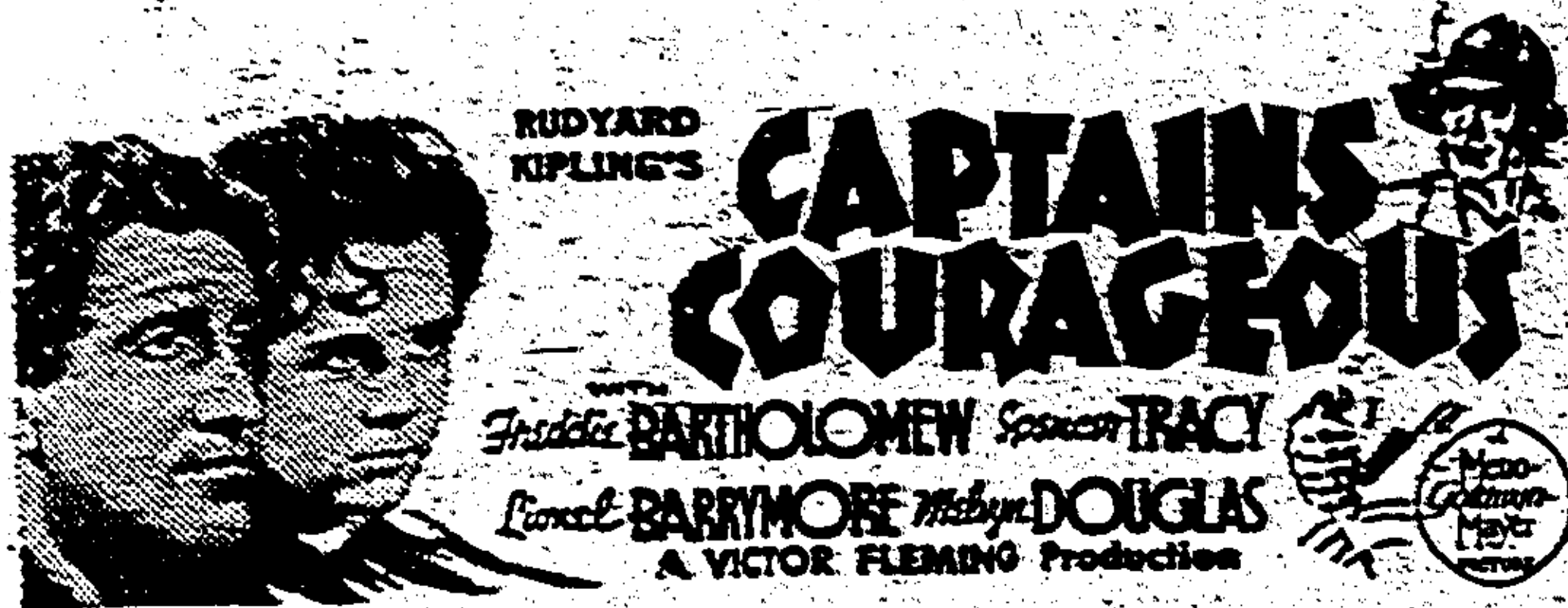
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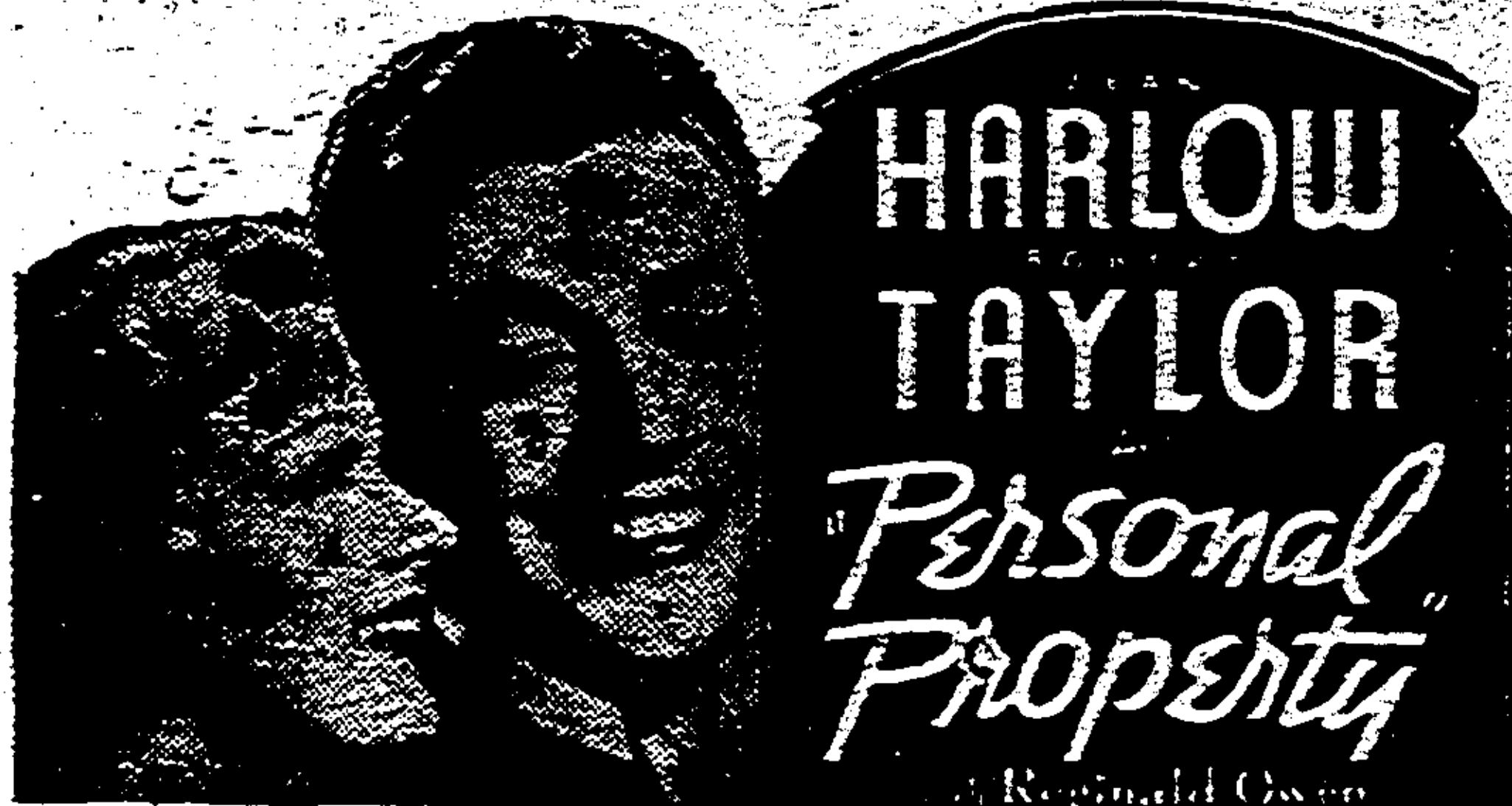
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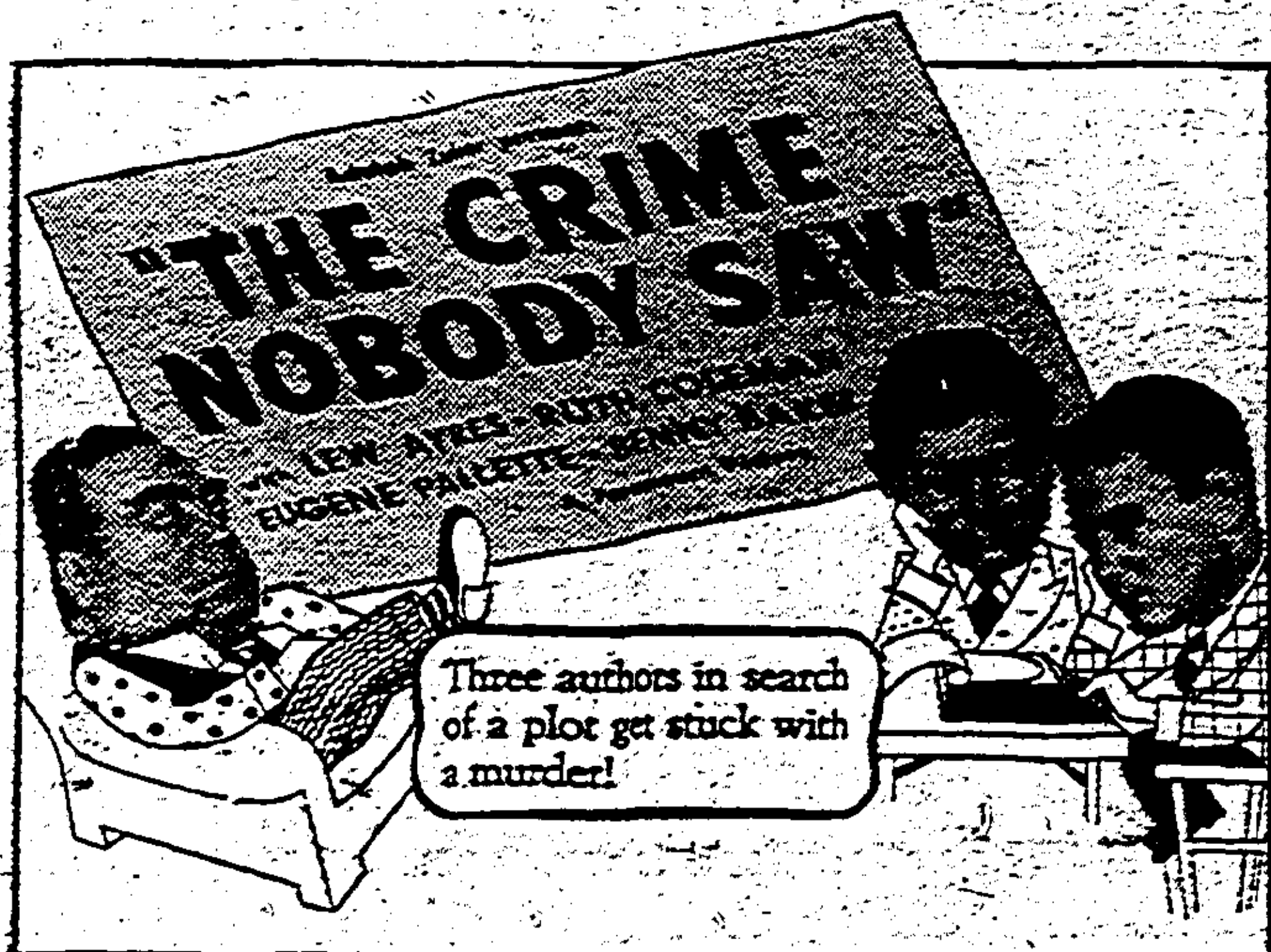
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**NEW DRIVE ON  
MADRID**

Burgos, To-day.  
Command of the Nationalist  
troops on the Madrid front has been  
placed in the hands of General  
Varela, states an official announce-  
ment.

The appointment is believed to vertified drive against the old capital  
presage beginning of the long ad. —Trans-Ocean

**British Destroyers  
In Majorca**

Salamanca, To-day.  
Two British destroyers and a  
British freighter arrived at the Na-  
tionalist harbour of Palma de Ma-  
jorca yesterday.  
The crews were given shore  
leave. —Trans-Ocean

## KAITANGATA DISASTER ENQUIRY OPENS: COAL BUNKERS QUESTIONS

Four witnesses were examined at the court of Inquiry at the Harbour Office to investigate the disastrous fire on board the s.s. Kaitangata, during this morning's proceedings. It appears that following the first explosion shortly after midnight in No. 2 Hold, a second explosion occurred approximately an hour and a half later, in No. 3 hold, of such force that the hatch covers were blown off.

It will be recalled that the Kaitangata was burned to the water-line on October 24 with the loss of 19 Chinese members of the crew, the remainder of the crew being rescued by the s.s. Kanning.

The Court is comprised of the Hon. Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. (retd.), Lt. Comdr. M. V. Keogh, W. O. Lambert, Government Marine Surveyor Capt. C. Asquith, master of the s.s. Scalania, and Capt. Hardie, master of the s.s. King Yuen.

Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, owners of the cargo, Mr. R. H. Cole for the Captain and Chief Officer, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for the owners, Messrs. Ling-Nam S. S. Co., Ltd., and Mr. E. Davidson for Messrs. Gilman and Company on behalf of the London Underwriters.

### STOWAGE OF CARGO

Thomas Francis Keating, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, gave evidence of the stowing of the oil at Lai Chi Kok, which he said, was loaded in tins, packed in cases. So far as he could see, there was no possibility either of the tins or the cases shifting in the course of the voyage.

Man Pau, a fireman, whose hands were terribly scarred told the court that he had just come off watch on the night of the disaster and was taking a bath in the stern of the ship when he heard an explosion. After everyone had tried to put out the fire that had broken out, several were placed in a boat and left the ship.

The bunkers, continued witness, were on either side of the ship and on top of the stoke-hold. There were two doors to the bunkers on either side of the stoke-hold. Further questioned by the Harbour Master, witness said that the coal came from above and emerged through a door on the side of the furnace.

### FIREMAN'S STORY

Cheung Wai, No. 1 Fireman, said that he was in the engine-room when the explosion occurred but went on deck immediately. He then went back to the engine-room to work the pumps. He was so engaged for about ten minutes. When he went

on deck again, most of the crew appeared to have left. All he could see were the master, mate, chief engineer, second engineer and the bosun.

"I assisted in fighting the fire. Finally we all assembled at the stern when some while later we heard another explosion. The Chief Engineer asked the Captain if they should take to the boats and the reply was that they could please themselves."

Witness said that he did not go into the stoke-hold between 8 and 12, when he was on watch, as he was in charge of the engine-room and was not concerned with the stoke-hold. He did not smell any gasoline.

Questioned regarding procedure of firemen when taking over a watch, witness said that the fires were trimmed and red-hot ashes raked out. These were then extinguished with water and taken on deck and thrown overboard. The firemen had finished cleaning when he went on watch at 12.05.

### FIREMAN'S DEATH

Asked if he knew a fireman named Wong Kuen, witness said he did but this man had since died. He saw him on the Kanning after the explosion and was told that he had been injured as a result of boiling water pouring over him from the side of the ship when his life-boat was being lowered.

The coal on board was Japanese, purchased from the M.B.K. and was in lumps of various sizes. The doors of all the big bunkers had been closed at Lai Chi Kok before the ship left there.

Thomas Easdale, chief engineer, asked to produce his certificate, told the court that it had been lost in the fire. He gave similar evidence as to the explosions and his actions immediately following the outbreak and said that he had no idea what had caused the explosions.

There were electric wires in the hold but were in excellent condition and contained in steel pipes. He had last examined them on September 2. There were no fuse-boxes or switches in the hold, as the lights were operated from the deck.

### SMELL OF GAS

Witness had personally seen that the doors to the cross-bunkers were closed but he could not say for certain if they were water-tight. At about 8 o'clock on the night of the fire, he noticed a slight smell of gas in the stoke-hold which he thought came through the coal in the cross-bunkers and thence through the water-tight doors, which were not close-fitting. He did not report the smell to the master as it was very very slight and they had carried gasoline before under the same conditions and the smell of gas had been noticed on these occasions.

The inquiry is proceeding.

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# HANGCHOW BAY INVASION CHECK

## VIOLENT GUNFIRE ON WESTERN FRONT

Shanghai, 8 a.m., To-day.

The Chinese and Japanese forces on the western front of Shanghai are at present locked in a severe battle in which the din of trench mortars and howitzers is punctuated with almost continuous machine-gun fire.

Meanwhile, the Japanese claim capture of part of Sungkiang, and state that Japanese troops are now fighting for possession of the whole town, from which the entire civilian population, estimated at 70,000, has already evacuated.

On the other hand, the Chinese claim that the Japanese penetration from Hangchow Bay has been definitely checked with the arrival of Chinese reinforcements which have taken up positions on three sides of the Japanese forces.

The Chinese aim is to localise warfare on the coast and forestall a decisive outcome in favour of the Japanese which would effect the Chinese positions near Shanghai.—Reuter.

### NANZIANG BLOODBATH

Nanziang is proving a veritable blood-bath for the Japanese, who as one foreign observer cynically remarks, seem to fight better under the guns of their warships.

They made repeated attacks in this region yesterday, all without success.

A Japanese attempt to land at Chapoo yesterday was foiled. No sooner had the landing boats approached the shore when they were met with heavy machine-gun fire, and the attempt was not persisted in.—Trans-Ocean.

## SENSATIONAL REPORT OF DEATH OF IL DUCE'S SON

London, To-day.

A sensational report was carried by the "Evening Standard" yesterday evening alleging that Bruno Mussolini, 20-year-old son of the Italian Dictator, had been shot down while on active service with the Nationalist air force in Spain.

The paper asserts that Bruno was either killed or taken prisoner by the Republicans.

The paper adds that since a report from Barcelona on October 25, announcing Bruno's presence with the Nationalists, nothing had been heard of the Duce's son, and that on the same day two Italian bombers had been shot down by A.A. batteries on the east coast.

The Italian Embassy in London was yesterday not in a position to deny or confirm the report, since they had no information as to Bruno's whereabouts.—Trans-Ocean.

Danzig, To-day.

Following Nazi winning of a two-thirds majority in the Danzig Senate, organisation of any new political parties in the Free City is now forbidden.—Trans-Ocean.

## MUNITIONS FOR JAPAN ON TRIVIAL SCALE

London, To-day.

The question of British exports of munitions to Japan came up in the House of Commons yesterday, though no definite answer was given by the Government.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, asked if any munitions at present were being exported from Britain to Japan said:

"As previously explained, the British Government considers it contrary to the public interest to publish particulars of licenses issued for the export of arms and ammunition to particular destinations.

"I may, however, add that from July 1 to September 30 last, the value of exports from the United Kingdom to Japan of arms, ammunition, military and naval stores, was £14,612.—Reuter.

## GERMAN HIMALAYAN DISASTER ECHO

Munich, To-day.

A memorial service was held here yesterday for the members of the German Himalayan expedition who were killed by an avalanche a few months ago, only one of the mountaineers escaping.

The German Government warmly praises the British political officer in the district where the disaster occurred for his assistance in recovering the bodies, and it is reported that he may be given the Order of the German Eagle.—Reuter.

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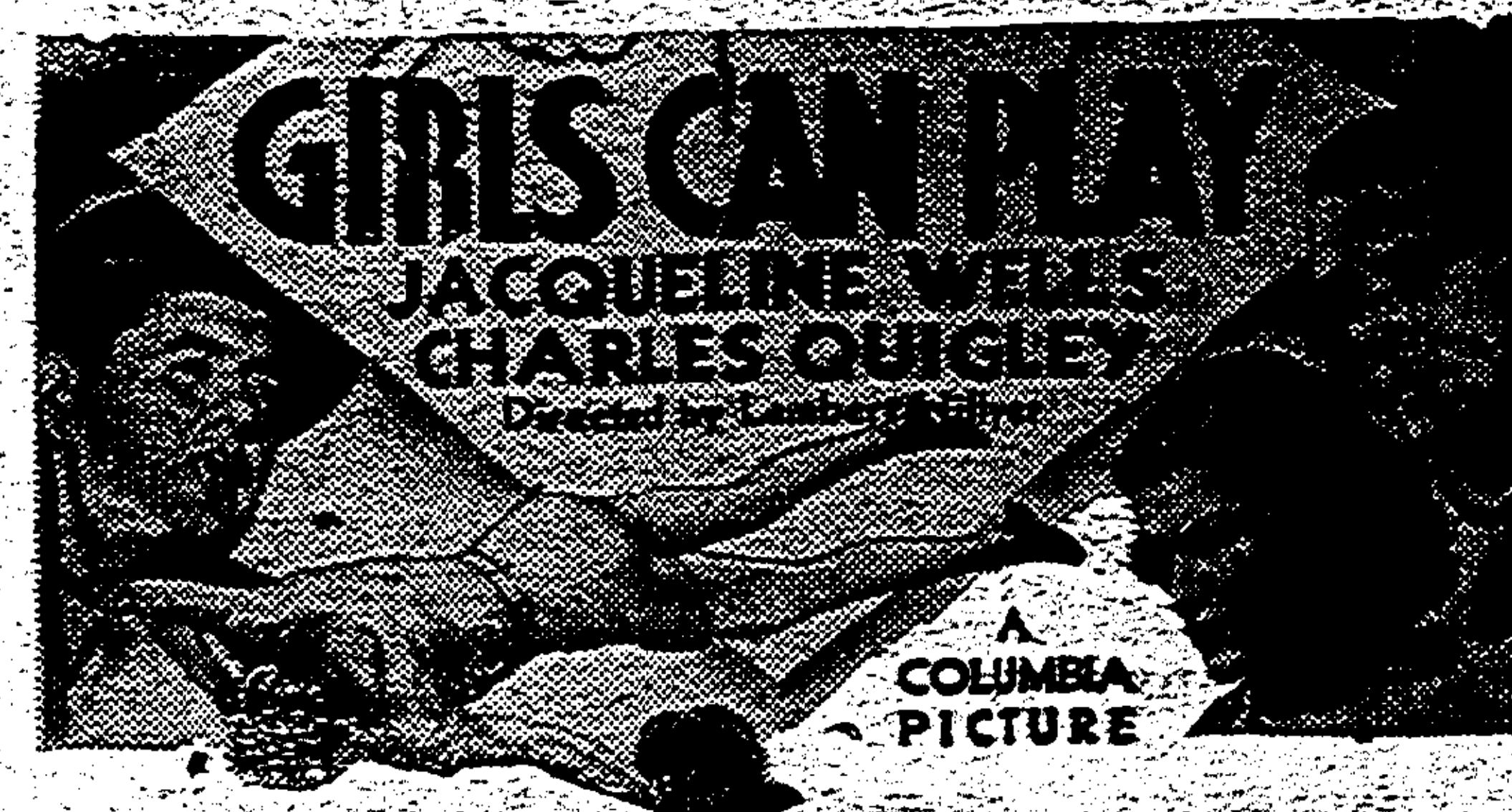
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# CHINESE WITHDRAW FROM SOOCHOW CREEK

Japanese Cross Bridge To Find Empty Trenches

**\$20,000,000 JAPANESE MILL FIRST SET ON FIRE**

**RETIREMENT COVERED BY GALLANT REAR GUARD ACTIONS**

Shanghai, To-day.

At 8.50 this morning following confirmation of the Chinese withdrawal, a Reuter correspondent saw the first Japanese cross the damaged Jessfield railway bridge and walk along the track outside the defence perimeter held by the Loyals.

The Japanese was a bearded officer wearing a sword and carrying a revolver, which he fired as he walked warily along.

He was followed by another officer and a detachment of men, all of whom carefully inspected the dug-outs which had been occupied only the day before by Chinese troops.

With their rifles at the ready, they were prepared for an exchange of fire but the Chinese had gone.

Withdrawal of the Chinese forces, which brought to a climax the gallant struggle of man against metal, began at 2 o'clock this morning.

Before leaving, the Chinese set fire to the \$20,000,000, Japanese-owned Toyoda cotton mill, on the south bank of Soochow Creek, a quarter of a mile from Jessfield railway bridge.—Reuter.

## CAUTIOUS ADVANCE

Shanghai, To-day.

As the morning drew on, the Japanese who had crossed Jessfield Bridge at 8.50 a.m. advanced up the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway slowly and cautiously, and took up positions on the western side of the defence perimeter manned by the Loyal North Lancs Regiment.

Slowly, Japanese bayonets began to encircle Shanghai, and the process is expected to be completed to-day (the eighty-ninth day of the war) or to-morrow.

## REARGUARD HARASSING

The Chinese rearguard is harassing the enemy and is making their advance as difficult as possible.

The lesson of the Shanghai war according to foreign military observers, is that numerically superior forces have no chance in the long run against smaller, well-mechanised forces.

The first Japanese crossing of Jessfield railway bridge this morning was witnessed by the Loyals' sector by the commander of the Shanghai defence forces, Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, who was accompanied by Mr. R. G. Hows, the British charge d'affaires, and Mr. C. J. Chancellor, Reuter's General Manager for the Far East.

## PLANE'S PART

The aeroplane played a good, and probably decisive part in the Japanese victory, but the Japanese also had the advantage in tanks, armoured cars and heavy artillery.

While sympathisers with China are full of regret at the turn of events, they recognise it as inevitable, and among business circles there is a feeling of relief that the war is moving from Shanghai.

## NEW HOPE

Their one hope is that conditions will soon enable Shanghai to resume its place as one of the great world centres of trade and commerce, and enable them to recoup some of the losses which they have suffered since the outbreak of hostilities.—Reuter.

## RETIRING IN GOOD ORDER

Shanghai, To-day.

The prediction of General Matsui, Japanese commander-in-chief, that the Shanghai area would be cleared of Chinese troops by November 10, is being fulfilled.

The bulk of the Chinese forces on the western front are now withdrawing quietly and in good order, while the rearguard is fighting a bitter action.

Scattered Chinese outposts are engaging the enemy but withdrawal or annihilation of these outposts is expected some time to-day.

This development means that the warfare round Shanghai will for the first time in almost three months be removed from areas contiguous to the International Settlement.

The Chinese take the view that Soochow Creek, like Cha-

## LOCAL BANK MYSTERY

**\$31,000 MISSING**

Reticence is at present being observed regarding a sensational affair at the Hong Kong branch of the Bank of Kwangsi, involving, it is understood, the disappearance of \$31,000 from the vaults.

The Police are investigating the mysterious disappearance of this sum, which is causing considerable puzzlement as it is stated that the combination of the locks of the vaults is known only to two responsible members of the Bank's staff.

There were no signs of any tampering with the locks. The missing money is said to consist mainly of \$500 notes.

All the employees of the Bank were kept on the premises to a very late hour last night.

The Bank's funds, which are periodically checked, were checked a few days ago and were then intact.

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF YEN HSI-SHAN

Peiping, To-day.

Japanese agents a few days ago made an unsuccessful attempt on the life of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi, according to unconfirmed reports circulating here.

The attempt is alleged to have occurred while Marshal Yen was travelling by car from Taiyuanfu to Pingyang, 230 kilometres south of the provincial capital, to which town both the government and army headquarters have been removed.

Apparently a bomb was thrown at the Shansi war lord, who, it is stated, was wounded.—Trans-Ocean.

It is "only a phase—not the end of the war"—Reuter.

## AERODROME IN JAPANESE HANDS

Shanghai, Noon, To-day.

Japanese troops, slowly advancing, have crossed the Hungjiao Road and occupied the Hungjiao Aerodrome.

They have also occupied Kiangkiao, some three miles to the south-west of Nanzhang.

Japanese planes are active endeavouring to bomb the troops in retreat.—Reuter.

## SECRET CODE IN CONVERTED BIBLE

**MILLER ABDUCTION CLUE**

Paris, To-day.

An important clue that may at last throw some light on the mystery surrounding the abduction of the former Czarist officer, General Miller, has been discovered by the French police during examination of books found in the flat of General Skoblin.

General Skoblin, it will be recalled, was suspected of complicity in the affair when he disappeared at about the same time.

The police found among the books a Bible which had been converted into a secret code, and are now decoding all letters received by General Skoblin's wife with the help of the Bible.

They think that General Skoblin, after his disappearance, kept in touch with his wife.

## WIFE'S ANXIETY

A newspaper report states that the police only examined the Bible following repeated requests for the book by the General's wife, who said she wanted it so that she could relieve the strain of her detention in gaol by study of the Holy Scriptures.—Trans-Ocean.

## OVIEDO GARRISON HONOURED

Burgos, To-day.

General Franco has conferred the Order of San Fernando, the highest military decoration of the Nationalists, on the garrison of Oviedo in recognition of the heroism displayed by the troops during the 90-day siege of the town by Government troops.—Trans-Ocean.

## FRENCH FASCISTS FALL OUT

Lyon, To-day.

Judgment for plaintiffs, with costs, was awarded by the court here yesterday in the case brought against Colonel de la Rocque, French Fascist leader, by Pozzo di Forgo, a member of the Fascist organisation "Croix de Feu."

Colonel de la Rocque was sentenced to a fine of 200 francs, and payment of 3,000 francs damages and costs to plaintiff.—Trans-Ocean.



# TAIYUANFU'S BESIEGED ARMY'S HEROIC FIGHT

Japanese Artillery Blast Third Breach In Walls

## EVERY INCH CONTESTED IN SANGUINARY STREET FIGHTING

Peiping, To-day.

The streets of Taiyuanfu were the scene of a grim conflict all day yesterday as the Japanese troops, according to Japanese sources, gradually enlarged their gains and drove the defenders of the Shansi capital southward.

By 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Japanese artillery had completed the third breach in the walls, enabling infantry to rush in and seize the north-east corner of the city, one-third of which is now claimed to be in Japanese hands.

The Japanese plan is to force the Chinese troops out of the south gate, where an ambush awaits them.—Reuter.

## HEROIC FIGHT BY GEN. FU'S BELEAGUERED TROOPS

Peiping, To-day.

An admission that Taiyuanfu was proving a hard nut to crack, was made by Japanese headquarters here yesterday, when it was stated that frontal attacks on the Chinese in the besieged town are proving costly.

However, a Japanese spokesman claims that the Chinese have lost several thousand men in the fighting for the Shansi capital, with Japanese losses almost as severe.

### SANGUINARY FIGHTING

It seems doubtful whether the Japanese advance southward will proceed any quicker following fall of the city, which it must be admitted, is only a matter of time, as

General Fu Tso-yi's army is putting up a stiff resistance.

A message from Tokyo says that a War Office spokesman admitted that Japanese troops are suffering heavy losses in sanguinary street fighting in Taiyuanfu, where the invaders are undergoing the same experiences of the Japanese in Chapei.

### FIGHTING TO DEATH

The fighting is of a hand-to-hand nature, with the Japanese slowly pressing forward by virtue of superiority of numbers.

The Chinese literally fight to the last man, each small group going bravely to its death rather than surrender.—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALIANS KILLED IN ABYSSINIA

Rome, To-day.

Ten Italians, including seven officers, were killed by Abyssinians last month, according to an official announcement.

The announcement adds that the men died in the course of police operations during the mopping up of hostile Abyssinian tribesmen.—Reuter.

## FOREIGN HOMES USED AS DEFENCE POSTS

Shanghai, To-day.

Many foreign homes in the Hungjao Road residential district have been despoiled by looters, in spite of prominent notices that they were foreign property.

Typical example is the house of a prominent foreigner, where every door had been forced and the windows splintered by explosions, while every room was found in a state of chaos.

All drawers had been forced open and furniture piled one on top of the other. Bookcases were pulled down and books piled in the middle of the floor.

In addition the cellar had been raided of everything contained.

All gin in stock had been drunk, while corks of whisky bottles had been driven into the bottles, but the contents left untouched.

Brandy seemed to have been the most popular drink, as empty bottles and debris testified.—Reuter.

## NO REPRIEVE

Beirut, To-day.

The authorities have refused to consider the plea for a reprieve of the murderer of the American Consul-General.

The sentence of death therefore will be carried out within the next few days.—Trans-Ocean.

## EMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour estimates at October 18th that the number of insured persons in employment, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, was approximately 11,659,000, or 47,000 less than the revised figure for the month before.

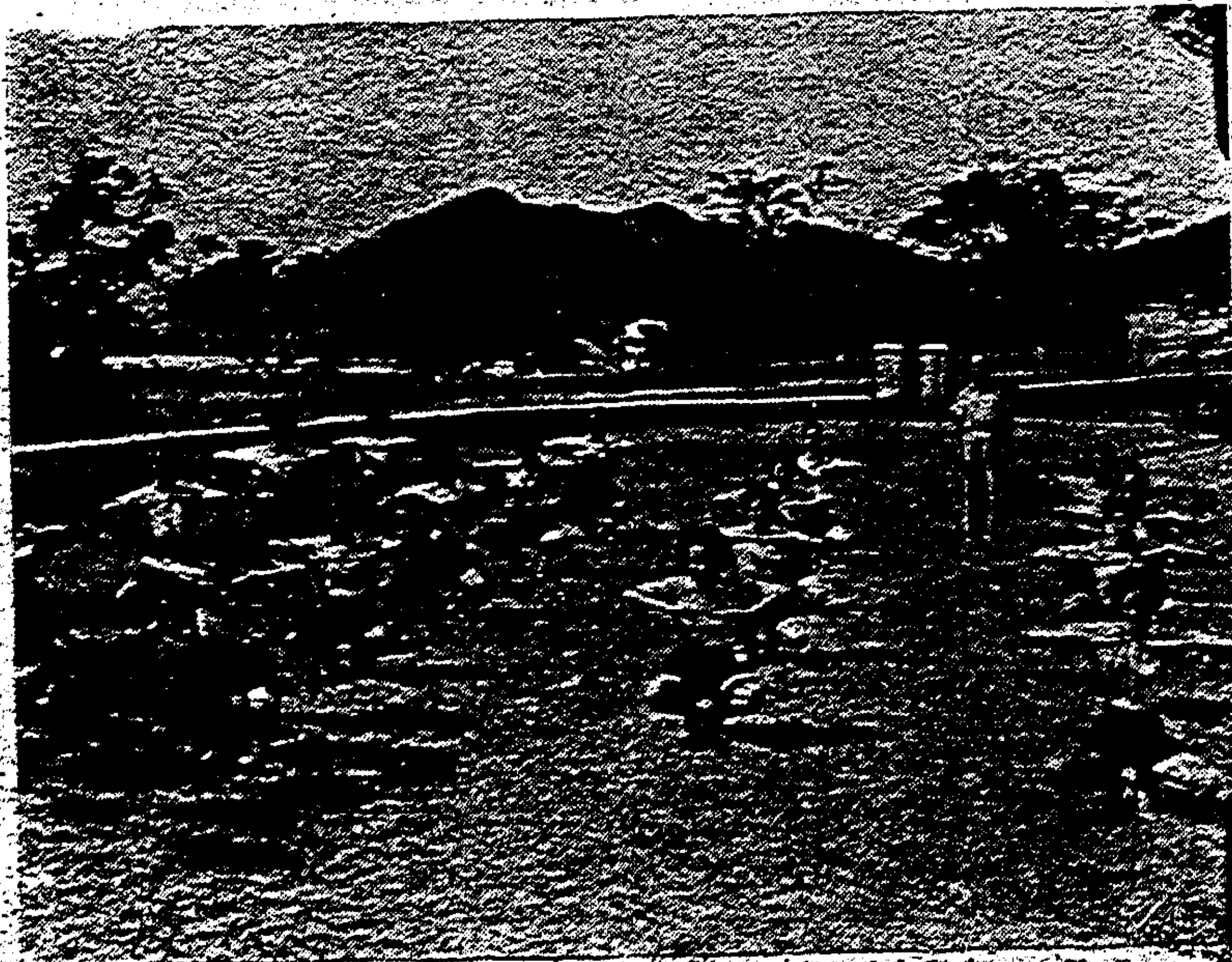
On a comparable basis, there was, however, an increase of approximately 464,000 from the year before. At the same date, the registered unemployed numbered 1,390,249, comprising 1,159,613 wholly unemployed, 176,337 temporarily laid off, and 54,299 normally in casual employment. This was 51,045 more than the month before but 166,400 less on a comparable basis than the year before.—British Wireless.

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Children at the Refugee Centre in Lanchow, who are becoming skilled in P.T. drill under training. They are giving an exhibition of their prowess at the China Fleet Club to-morrow at the benefit function in aid of the Shanghai Refugee Welfare Committee's funds. The class has been organized by Mr. H. B. Powis, of Caldbeck, MacGregor and Co. and remarkable progress has been made in a very short time. ("Mail" photo).



## Japan's Astounding Cynicism In Justification For

# WAR ON CHINA

IS Japan really justified in making an advance in China in the manner she has been doing?"

"What is the grievance Japan holds against China, assuming that Japan's actions have ample justification?"

These were the questions asked me by Sir Evelyn Wrench, veteran British author and journalist, and editor of *Over Seas*, a London monthly, who called at my office recently.

In replying to his first question, I laid before him historical data on the strife and clashes of various races in their efforts to win supremacy in the Far East, feeling sure that without them no correct understanding of the existing situation can be possible. I said:

"The present Manchoukuo, and the portions of Siberia, Mongolia, and North China adjacent to Manchoukuo have been the centres of operations by various races from time immemorial. These regions have seen the rise and fall of numerous races and peoples.

"The strife and clashes of the races in these regions may be classified according to directions. First, the force advancing from the east and seeking an outlet in the west. Second, the eastward exodus of peoples living in the west. Third, the

tendency of the people in the south to push their way up north. Fourth, the tendency of races residing in all those regions to press forward.

### TRIANGULAR STRIFE

"As the cumulative effects of her advance in Chosen and in Manchoukuo, Japan to-day holds a dominant position in Manchoukuo and, having once established her

"Since the relations in the Far East have been governed by a formula such as that mentioned above, triangular strife involving Japan, the U.S.S.R., and China is destined to make its presence felt at one time or another. Japan has made

would have been able to devise a remedy whereby they could have turned this 'menace' into a 'blessing.' The Chinese statesmen and leaders should reflect on this point.

"It naturally follows that if China really intends to derive the full benefit from modern civilisation and to realise the true reconstruction of the country, the most logical step is to look to Japan, her immediate neighbour and now her cultural senior in the Far East, for material and spiritual guidance.

"To resist what history shows to be inevitable means suicide and can lead China nowhere but to collapse. We are more than ever convinced that the only salvation for the people of China is to accept the inevitable as the destiny ordained by Providence.

"The Japanese nation and its inherent culture is based on neither conquest by aggression nor on narrow-minded exclusionism. The Yamato race, forming the backbone of the Japanese nation, even in the primitive stage of cultural attainment, manifested a well-defined philosophy, namely, 'musubi' or 'cohesion'. By 'cohesion' the Yamato race has always meant the creation of something new from the old, considering this to be its precious task and mission.

"This conviction, in fact, is what made it possible for our forefathers to found the Empire of Japan. This time-honoured creed of discarding the old and creating something original has also found expression in the amalgamating of small things into something big and worthwhile. If these racial characteristics of ours are recognised, it will be rather easy for outsiders to understand what Japan intends to do in the Far East.

"As a means of exemplifying our ideals, the Japanese nation has from olden times adopted two methods, based on traditional beliefs and the mental capabilities of human beings. Briefly, they are 'aramitama' and 'nigimitama'. These two words signify the exemplification of strength, but the underlying spirit is 'harmony'. Without harmony there can be no 'cohesion' nor can there be a new creation. This has been our creed, the conviction lying deep down in our hearts. That is the spirit that guides our policy in the Far East.

## M. VAN ZEELAND'S WORLD ECONOMIC MISSION

London. To-day. The Prime Minister, who was asked in the House of Commons about M. Van Zeeland's economic mission, said he understood M. Van Zeeland was preparing a report which he was looking forward to receiving, but he could not say how far M. Van Zeeland's enquiry had been affected by his resignation of the Belgian Premiership. British Wire-

An Article By

## TATSUO KAWAI,

Chief of the Information Bureau, Foreign Office in the "Osaka Mainichi"

and the neighbouring regions. Those who won supremacy in those regions in the past always sought an outlet for surplus energy in other regions. The southward march has been the logical course for those winning supremacy in the north.

"The U.S.S.R. at present represents the foremost force seeking an outlet in the east, whereas Japan represents the force marching from east to west. The force that seeks to move north from the south is represented by the Chinese of the Han stock. The stock that originally lived in the northern part of the Far East has long been extinct.

foothold in Manchuria, she has shown growing indications of advancing further into North China.

"This situation is undoubtedly a menace to China and for the statesmen of the countries that insist on the maintenance of the status quo, it is perhaps a serious problem. It is small wonder that the powers of the world have manifested keen concern over the situation since the present emergency broke out, with repro and can being argued.

### TASK FOR JOINT STUDY

"Japan's advance in continental Asia is a matter of deep concern to the world powers as well as a thing vitally bearing on the peace of the world. How intelligently to dispose of Japan's development and what attitude to assume in connection with it is a problem confronting the statesmen of the world, as well as a task for joint study and solution by the leaders of Japan and China.

"From China's standpoint, Japan's southward march must conceivably be a grave national crisis. Japan's advance is, however, really not to be compared to the southward penetration by the southward tribes to which China has been exposed in the past 30 centuries. Though having plenty of barbaric races, the northern races in the past possessed absolutely no culture, whereas Japan is endowed with not only great military strength but also with cultural attainments of the first magnitude.

"You may be interested to learn how China met the advance of the northern races in the past. Knowing that brute force constituted the sole strength of the northern races and that brute force without a cultural touch could eventually be tamed, the Chinese invariably elected to assimilate the invaders from the north with the luster of their inherent culture. This always proved a success.

### MODERN CHINA'S WEAKNESS

"It is a different story to-day. Modern China does not possess enough culture to assimilate any outsiders, including the Japanese. This fact unquestionably makes the Chinese feel the Japanese menace keenly. Had the Chinese statesmen been wise and far-sighted leaders, they

## THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

I SEE that a gentleman who has just died left a fortune of over two hundred thousand pounds made from gravel pits.

Now gravel pits interest me. My mind always goes back to the time when my father discovered a gravel pit — but I'll tell you about that in a moment.

Last week I was having lunch with an American friend of mine who is a very live wire indeed. He works incessantly and never seems to rest.

I said to him: "Does it ever occur to you that just doing nothing for a change is a very fine occupation?"

To my surprise he replied:—

"I have never confided to you my idea of Heaven. I am a little hesitant about doing so. I am not really a human dynamo. That is not my true self at all. I dream of owning a gravel pit in Virginia. I would lie on my back in the sunshine on a little hillock overlooking the pit. Now and again one of my lorries would rumble up, take away a load, and I would sink back to sleep comforted by the thought of the dollars quietly rolling in. Butterflies would flutter in the soft south wind. I would lie deep in the long green grass."

It all seemed a little romantic and impractical to me, so I told him about my father.

It was during the war that father discovered the gravel pit. Like everyone else, we had an allotment. But our allotment wasn't much like other folks'. I suppose there was some soil on it, but it was largely one great volcanic rock broken into neat half-pound chunks.

Father dug this wilderness. He dug deep and desperately.

Things did grow on it — principally horse-radish, which is so tough it thinks it's being cissy when it's growing in solid concrete.

It was difficult to squeeze nourishment out of this little Siberia, but father struggled on and managed to

raise a few withered roots.

Then he discovered that when you had got below the rocks there was gravel. It was as if he had discovered great nuggets of gold.

He sprang to action, and soon a huge yellow dripping heap of gritty slush was piled up where the parsnips used to be.

He was delighted.

Half a mile away was our house and our garden. The paths were choked with weeds. What finer idea, then, than to relay the paths with the new-found gravel? Father was nothing if not thorough. He determined to transport this precious cargo himself. A vast two-wheeled barrow was hired from the green-grocer, and soon this crazy chariot was being loaded with a mighty burden of gravel.

I helped.

We heaped it good and high. Hundredweights of it. And then set out with the ponderous, dripping mound.

We neared home.

Suddenly the cargo began to shift. It moved towards the far end of the barrow, which, seesaw like (for the two wheels were in the middle), began to go down.

As it did, father was majestically hoisted into the air. He dare not let go, for the load would have instantly tipped out.

Pale with rage, he hissed at me to try to shift some of the gravel back. My small hands clawed furiously.

Father, perched high above watched with impotent wrath.

It was useless. Wet gravel weighs plenty, and with a cry of rage, father let go the handles and returned, dropping like a stone to earth. An avalanche of gravel swept into the road.

The weeds on the garden path grew unchecked.

And father gave up the gravel industry and returned to the melancholy task of growing curly kale on good hard basaltic rock.



# NANTAO REFUGEE ZONE

## Official Opening Arranged For Noon To-Day

### FORMER RESIDENTS FLOCKING BACK

Shanghai, To-day.

The arrangement establishing the northern part of Nantao, the Chinese City adjoining the French Concession, as a safety zone, becomes effective this afternoon.

The arrangement includes Chinese guarantee to have no troops in the sector.

Police duties in the zone will be performed by ordinary Chinese police armed with pistols and not the normal carbines.

Administration of the district will remain in Chinese hands.

No arrangement has been made in case the Japanese should invade the district, and it is therefore believed that the Japanese will occupy Nantao without special military action.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.

With detailed arrangements satisfactorily completed, the refugee zone in Nantao, agreed upon on Saturday, will be formally opened at noon to-day.

The peace and safety of the area will be maintained by Chinese police armed with pistols and batons, and according to the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. O. K. Yui, the zone arrangement will remain in force as long as the Shanghai hostilities last.

### FLOCKING BACK

In the meantime, ex-residents of Nantao are beginning to flock back to their homes from the International Settlement and French Concession.

Many shops in the Chinese City are already reported to have reopened and Nantao is expected soon to resume its former busy and prosperous appearance.

### READY FOR CROWDS

The Refugee Committee is taking over all public places in the Zone, including schools and missionary establishments, amusement centres, theatres, into which refugees from the now crowded Settlement and Concession camps will be given shelter.

The area is reported to be capable of accommodating 100,000 refugees in addition to its normal population.—Reuter.

### NEW GERMAN INHERITANCE LAW

Berlin, To-day.

Persons deprived of German citizenship "for attitude or actions detrimental to the people's community" are not to be allowed to inherit any estate from a German citizen, according to a decree issued yesterday.

Donations by German nationals to persons barred are also forbidden by the decree, which threatens those who disregard the prohibition with prison terms up to two years or heavy fines.

Testator of German nationality

## AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO HUSH UP PRINCE RUDOLF SCANDAL

Vienna, To-day.

The Austrian Government is still attempting to hush up the 48-year-old scandal surrounding the mysterious death of Prince Rudolf of Austria, who was found dead with his alleged mistress, the beautiful Baroness Marie Vetser at the hunting lodge of Mayerling on January 30, 1889.

THE WHOLE STORY WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE LIGHT OF DAY IF CERTAIN ARCHIVES OF THE COUNTS OF TAAFFE WERE TO BE PUBLISHED, AS RUMOUR HAS HAD IT THAT THEY WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Now it is reported that the Government intends to take legal action to prevent their reported sale by the Taaffe family, now resident in Czechoslovakia, but who are shortly to make their home in Ireland.

### TWO YEARS TO RUN

The documents in question were entrusted by the Emperor Francis Joseph to the then Premier, Count Taaffe, for safe keeping, under condition that they should not be published for fifty years.

There are still two years to run, and the Austrian Government is expected to file an injunction with the Prague court.

The Vienna authorities are said to be anxious to obtain the documents for the State archives, but a large firm of Prague publishers have already announced forthcoming publication of the papers in book form.—Trans-Ocean.

## NEW AIR SERVICE TO HONG KONG

Kweilin, To-day.

Preparations are being made by the China National Aviation Corporation for early inauguration of an air service between Chungking and Hong Kong.

Ports of call will include Kweichow, capital of Kweichow Province, and Kweilin and Wuchow in Kwangsi.

The service is expected to start as soon as radio facilities are installed at the various stations.—Reuter.

Mrs. O'Dell, of No. 9, Ho Mun-tin Hill, has reported that her son Jack was bitten on Saturday by a dog belonged to Mrs. Suiter, of No. 254, Prince Edward Road.

Henry Choy, of 8, Rutherford Quadrant, has reported that while driving car No. 2199 in Boundary Road yesterday, he knocked down Cheng Ming, who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head and face.

may moreover disinherit a son or daughter who contracts a marriage with a Jew or person of mixed blood without the consent of the German authorities.

The decree, according to the official Gazette, is retroactive.

## SPANISH COAST HEAVILY MINED

Salamanca, To-day.

The Nationalists have laid mines along the coast of territory in the hands of the Government, states a Nationalist warning to foreign shipping.

As from November 10, adds the announcement, the blockade of Government territory is to become more intensive, and foreign ships are warned against trying to make Government harbours.—Trans-Ocean.

## COMMONS AND ITALIANS AT MALAGA

London, To-day.

Reports of the landing of Italian troops at Malaga were entirely without foundation, declared the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in reply to an Opposition question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden said his attention had first been drawn to the reports in September.

Another Opposition member asked whether the Foreign Secretary could say anything about press reports that during the last three weeks, Italian troops from Libya had landed at Malaga.

Mr. Eden replied "This is another matter."—Trans-Ocean.

## WINTER'S LOW RECORD

The lowest temperature since the cold spell began was recorded last night, when the thermometer registered a minimum reading of 59 degrees.

Yesterday's maximum was only 73 degrees, and at 10 o'clock this morning, 69 degrees, with humidity at 63 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone over China and Manchuria has decreased considerably in intensity. Depressions are situated to the east of Luzon and between Japan and the Bonins.

Local forecast:—North and North-East winds, fresh; fair generally.



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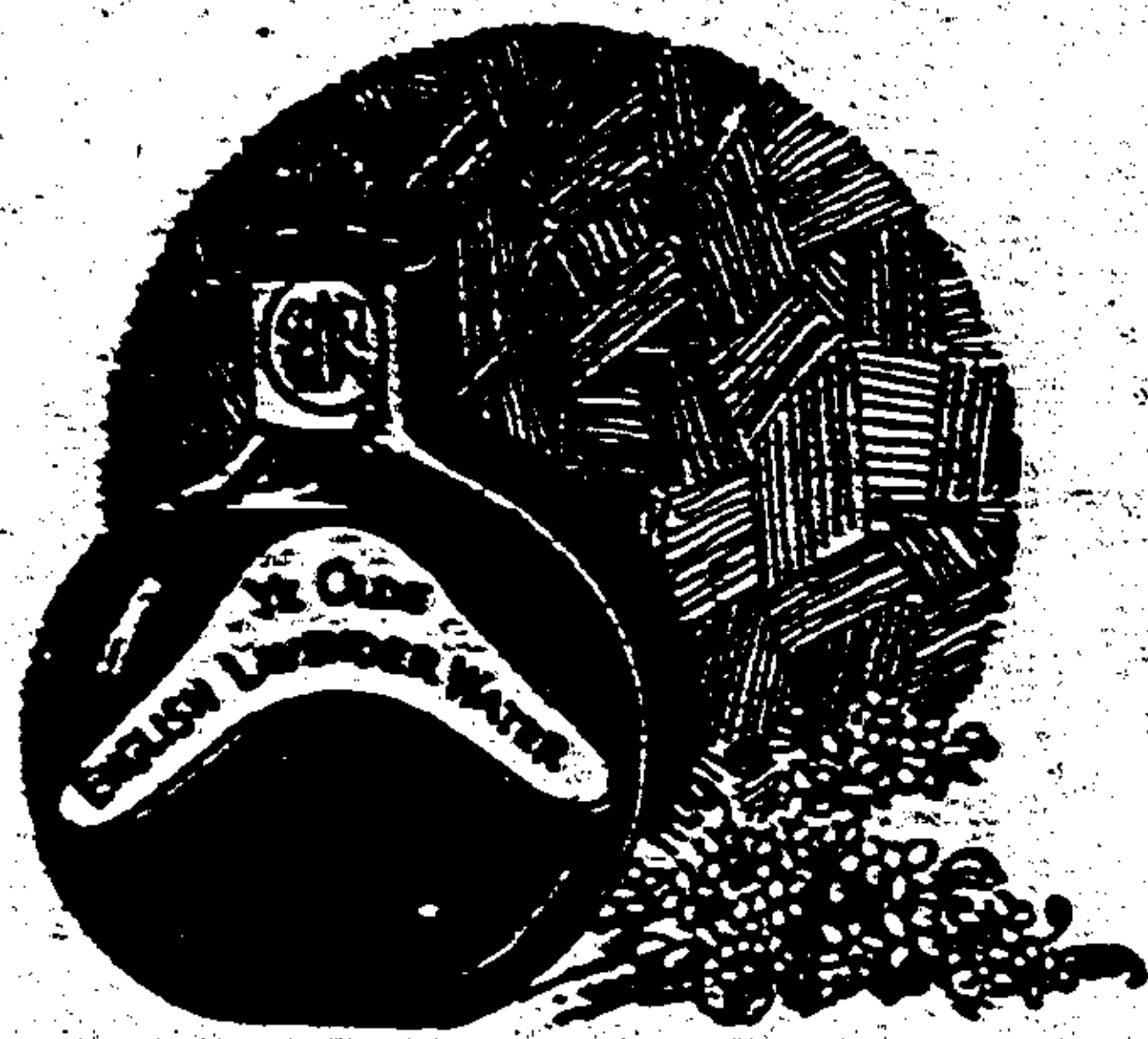
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## ANTI-COMINTERN PACT

The difficulty most people find in considering the new anti-Comintern Pact signed by Italy, Japan and Germany at Rome, is the necessity for it if, as is insisted and as seems to be true, there exist no secret military clauses or understanding. Brigaded hostility to the Soviet is the description applied to the Pact in London, while the "Daily Telegraph" seems to view it as going much further, in the direction of the leaguering of three of the Great Powers together in confrontation of the rest. Whether it constitutes any such decisive grouping or not, it arouses uneasy conjectures. Whether or not there is any such intention, it creates an impression of an intensification of international ideological cleavages, of a voluntary stepping aside of the group represented by Italy, Germany and Japan from peoples with a different political viewpoint. Whether or not Germany now attaches any greater importance to the Pact than it did to the original agreement with Japan, Italy and Japan do not conceal their attachment to the new situation created. And whatever else can be said for or against it, this much is certain, it contributes little to a peace, which embraces a universal need, a peace, in other words, based upon toleration and understanding of other people's lives and problems.

Nothing, of course, is more futile than the reply of the Comintern, which is a call for a united front against Fascism. Of a score of answers were any answer needed—this of all of them would be the least satisfactory, the least helpful and the least intelligent. Democracy and the Comintern just as everybody else, have to learn toleration. Democracy, and the Com-

intern, and the Fascist States have to learn, in order to avoid strife and clam and to avoid the cease worrying over their problems in terms of ideologies, to cease thinking of this points on which they divide, and to concentrate upon achieving contact at points where nations and people can meet on common ground, whatever their political concepts and complexions.

We who are democrats frequently forget our own responsibilities in this direction. It is all too easily forgotten by ardent apostles of democracy that, more than any other form of government, democracy requires a long apprenticeship before it can be successfully adopted. It requires, moreover, forbearance and personal discipline which are not universal attributes. Only the fanatic would dissent from the famous dictum of Edmund Burke that "the general character and situation of a people must determine what sort of government is fitted for them." Those who would launch an ideological crusade against Fascism and Nazism forget that democracy, in terms of the Parliamentary system, has broken down in the great majority of European countries under the strain of the post-war problems. Of no country is this more true than it is of Spain. Whatever the ultimate results of Fascism in Italy have been, there can be no doubt that the March on Rome saved Italy from anarchy. A better perspective will also be obtained on the Nazi regime if it is remembered that long before Herr Hitler came into power, so stout a democrat as Dr. Brüning had found it necessary, when Chancellor, to govern without the Reichstag in order to preserve public order and to prevent the destruction of public credit. The truth is that we live in a world of endless diversity of types and that peace can only be secured among men if toleration and goodwill are made the key-notes of international relations.

## A Suavity Bureau

Britain's Government departments have nearly all appointed several high class "mixers" (generally known as Public Relations Officers) to give the jam which goes with the official powder. Lieutenant Colonel Crutchley is the head of this suavity bureau for the Post Office. Speaking to a gathering at Cambridge the other day he foreshadowed the disappearance of the information counter.

How many of us have stood at that cold, high, forbidding barrier, feeling as tall as Tom Thumb under the official eye on the other side. Colonel Crutchley drew a cosy, enticing picture of "the future when inquiries will be able to enter a comfortably furnished room, with comfortable chairs and things pleasant to the eye." At the happy concomitants are implied. At present the Girl with the Golden Voice is available only on the phone, when you ring up "TIM" to ascertain the time of day. No doubt she will be part of the new organisation, which is to include a comfortable room in new post office buildings, wherever possible, and in existing buildings as the opportunity offers.



# WILL JAPAN CHANGE MIND ON BRUSSELS CONFERENCE?

## Possibility Envisaged In Embassy Statement

### BRITAIN'S AGENTS IN REBEL SPAIN

London, To-day.

The arrangement to appoint British Agents in Nationalist Spain would be completed very shortly, declared the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden reiterated that the arrangement did not recognise General Franco as a government or a belligerent.

The agents' purpose, he continued, was limited to trade protection and protection of British nationals, and their task was not political.

A Government motion for adjournment, on which the matter was debated, was carried by 241 votes to 107.—Reuter.

### DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT

At one point in his statement on the proposed exchange of agents, Mr. Eden told the House the diplomatic contact with the Spanish Government would continue to be maintained by the Charge d'Affaires at Valencia, who would shortly be moving to Barcelona, now the seat of the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

### LONG STATEMENT

A long statement was made by the Foreign Secretary on proposed exchange of agents by the British Government and General Franco.

He made it clear that in the Government's view, the step they now proposed to take was essential for the proper protection of British commercial, industrial and financial interests in that part of Spain under the control of Gen. Franco. These territories included two-thirds of Continental Spain—practically all her overseas territories, not including the Canary Islands or the Spanish Zone of Morocco. There were many million pounds sterling of British capital invested in this area—the greater part in respect of iron ore, copper and lead mines and the sherry industry.

### BRITISH TRADE

In normal times, a considerable part of the total British trade with Spain was carried on with the same area, which took large quantities of coal from South Wales. These British interests had suffered from the existence of civil war and the resulting difficulties had become increasingly acute from the absence of a regular means of contact with the insurgent authorities, in which matter the British Government had been, throughout the past year, at a greater disadvantage than any other power with large interests in that part of Spain. The possibility of transferring Consular officers from the ports where they functioned to Salamanca or Burgos was dismissed because less

### SECRET COMMITTEE MEETING PLANNED FOR TO-DAY

Brussels, To-day.

The possibility of Japan attending the Brussels Conference is suggested in a statement issued in circles very close in touch with the Japanese Embassy in Brussels.

The statement points out that the Japanese Government is fulfilling the terms of the Nine-Power Treaty by full and frank discussion with the representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Italy in Tokyo.

It adds that the Conference is inspired by the League of Nations and includes Soviet Russia, which is not a signatory to the Nine-Power Treaty, and claims that if Japan agrees to send delegates to the Conference, it would be showing a large spirit of conciliation and would be making a real concession.

Meanwhile, the full Brussels Committee, while the delegates, in the meantime, are discussing questions of procedure.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald (Britain) yesterday had informal talks with the Dominions representatives, whom he met in the evening to review the situation.—Reuter.

### DELEGATION'S STATEMENT

Brussels, To-day.

The Chinese delegation to the Nine-Power Conference yesterday again announced that China was obliged to decline the mediation of any third Power not represented at the Conference.

Negotiations between China and Japan could only take place within the framework of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Chinese circles here refute Japanese reports of Communistic influence in China.

### JAPAN REFUSAL EXPECTED

Chinese circles expect Japan to refuse the invitation to attend the Conference, and should this result in failure at Brussels, they point out that the way to Geneva is still open to the Nanking Government.

They expect, however, that when the Conference closes, it will pass a resolution naming Japan as the aggressor.—Trans-Ocean.

### SUBCOMMITTEE MAY BE FORMED

Brussels, To-day.

To-day's session of the Nine-Power Conference has been postponed from this morning to the afternoon.

It is believed that the sub-committee which is to negotiate with the Japanese is to be formed even before the Japanese answer is received.—Trans-Ocean.

### MR. EDEN TO ATTEND

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary told the Commons at question-time yesterday that he proposed to return to Brussels to-day to take part in the conference

### D.S.O. FOR GALLANTRY ON N.W. FRONT

London, To-day.

The King yesterday morning invested Major A. Paton with the Distinguished Service Order for conspicuous gallantry on the North-West Frontier.

The ceremony was held at Buckingham Palace.

Second Lieutenant T. Pickman was also invested with the Military Cross for bravery in Palestine.—Reuter.

### ANOTHER REFUSAL NOW FELT CERTAIN

Brussels, Later.

All news from reliable quarters in connection with the Japanese answer to the Brussels memorandum, crystallises into one fact—that Tokyo will decline the invitation to attend the Nine-Power Conference.

In Japanese diplomatic circles here it is declared that the Brussels Conference met for no other purpose than to deal with Japan's answer to the first invitation to Tokyo, but the answer then given was definite.

If it is now expected that Japan's representatives could be brought to negotiate with the sub-committee to be appointed by the Conference, it is necessary to point out, they say, that this sub-committee has received its mandate from the Nine-Power Conference, that is, from the eighteen Powers represented in Brussels, only a minority of whom have anything to do with the Nine-Power Treaty.

For this reason alone, declare the Japanese, there can be no doubt that Japan must decline further negotiations.

The Japanese add that they know quite well why Japan is not being accused of violation of the Nine-Power Treaty.

The accusation, they allege, could be levelled with far more reason against Britain and the United States.

The Japanese also draw attention to the incidents of the years 1927 and 1930.—Trans-Ocean.

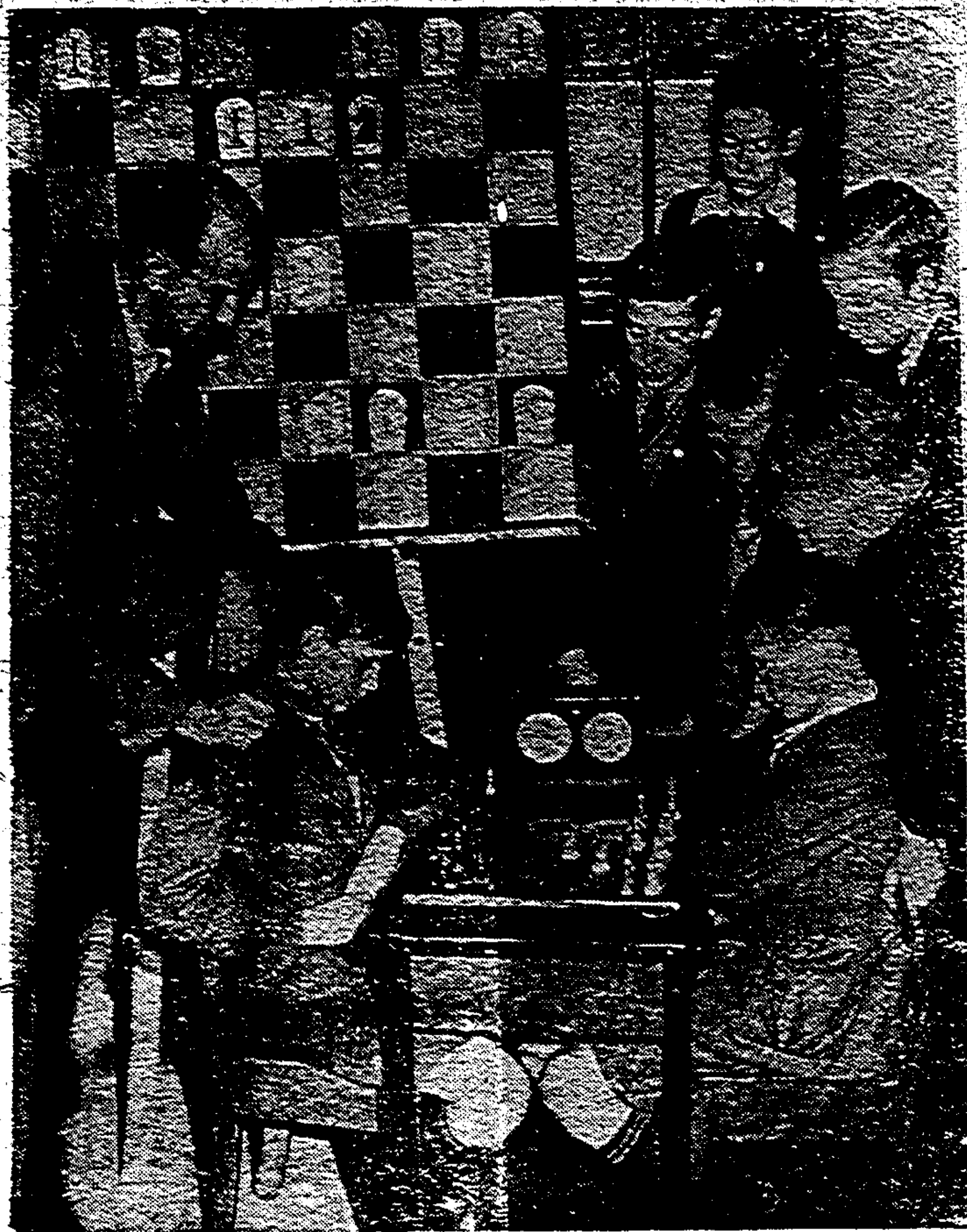
### KING GEORGE OF GREECE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

King George of Greece, who is staying at Buckingham Palace as the guest of the King and Queen, drove to Marlborough House yesterday morning and called on Queen Mary. He afterwards visited the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at York House.—British Wireless.

on the Far Eastern situation.—British Wireless.





Chess is encouraged, in fact it is actually taught, at the Salisbury Boys' School, Liverpool. The school has a chess team which recently won a cup without losing a single game, and one of the team, George Hadfield, aged 12, is the holder of the Boys' Open Championship, and has won several competitions. Photo shows—A chess lesson in progress at the school. (Fox Copyright).

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# SOVIET PROTEST TO IT

## Signing Of Pact Regarded As "Unfriendly Act"

Rome, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador yesterday informed the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, that Russia considers Italian adhesion to the Anti-Communist Pact as an unfriendly act.

The Polish Ambassador also called on Count Ciano yesterday. It is understood they discussed the Pact but it is denied that anything was said in regard to Poland adhering.

Russia also accuses the Italian Government of violating the Italo-Russian Pact of Friendship of 1933.

## FRANCO-SOVIET PACT PRAISED BY M. BLUM

Paris, To-day.

"Nothing should be done to alter the Franco-Soviet Pact," declared the Vice-Premier, M. Leon Blum, in a speech at the week-end.

"To promote peace to-day, France is doing her best to bring Britain and Russia together, as she did in 1914," he declared.

M. Blum added that if the non-intervention discussions continued to be delayed, France would resume liberty to permit exports of war materials to Spain via the Pyrenees frontier.—Reuter.

The Soviet Ambassador called on Count Ciano in the morning, when the Foreign Minister informed him that the Pact was directed against the Comintern and not against Russia, and therefore gave no grounds for Soviet complaint.

### "UNFRIENDLY ACT"

After cabling Count Ciano's explanation to Moscow, the Soviet Ambassador received further instructions.

He again called on Count Ciano and informed him that Russia considered the Italian action as an unfriendly act.—Reuter.

### PROTEST REJECTED

Rome, To-day.

It is believed in political circles here that Count Ciano rejected the Soviet protest, saying that the Pact was directed against no State and that it was open to adhesion by all Powers.—Trans-Ocean.

## Bringing Up Father



## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

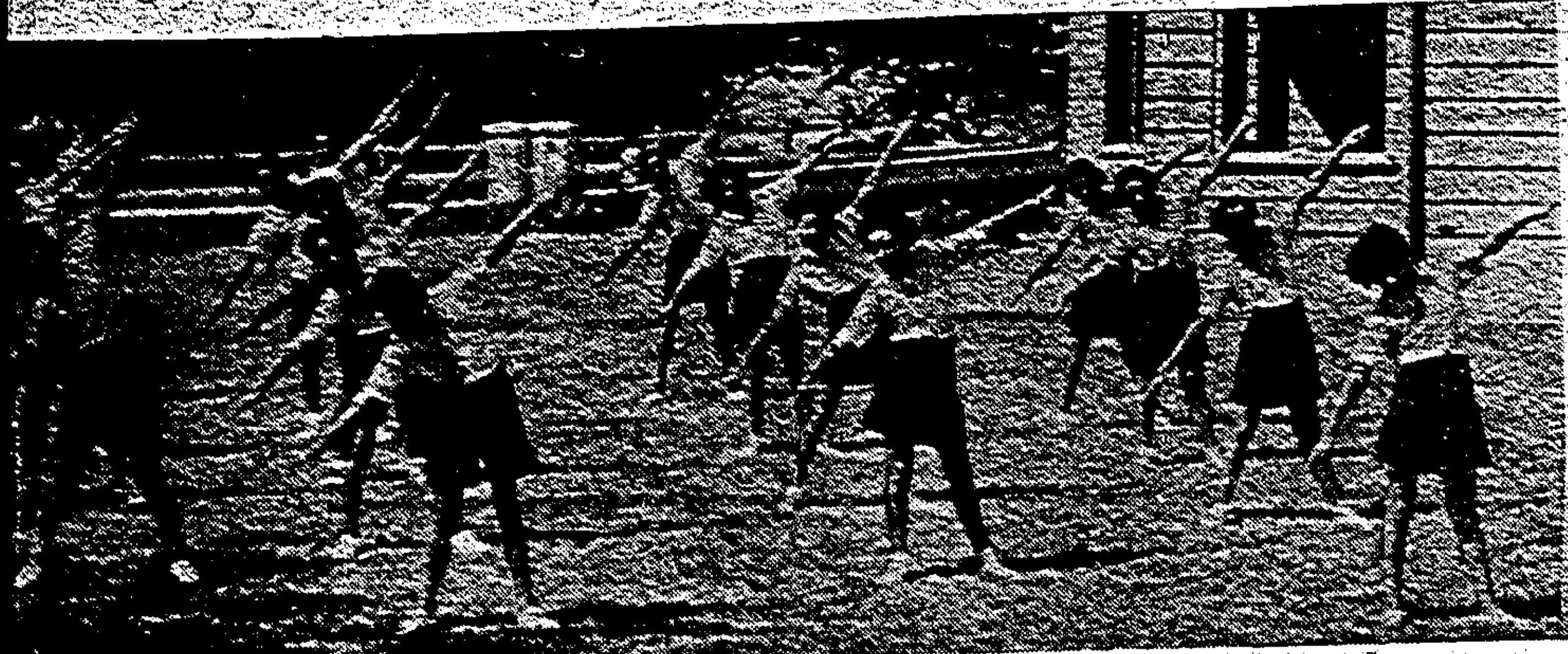


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# ITALIAN GOVERNMENT



Shanghai boys and girls at the Refugee Centre at Laichikok, who have rapidly become efficient training drill. They are to give an exhibition at the China Fleet Club to-morrow at the on in aid of the Shanghai Refugees Welfare Committee's funds. ("Mail" photo).



picture of the P. T. classes held daily at the Laichikok Refugee Centre. ("Mail" photo).

## KING OF JEAN WEEMS MITTED

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ary, Mr. Anthony

Mr. Eden added that the Salamanca authorities had undertaken to express official regret and order their forces to take all possible precautions against further incidents of this nature.

Regarding liability for compensation, the authorities at Salamanca had also agreed if necessary to submit the case to arbitration and to abide by results. — Renter.

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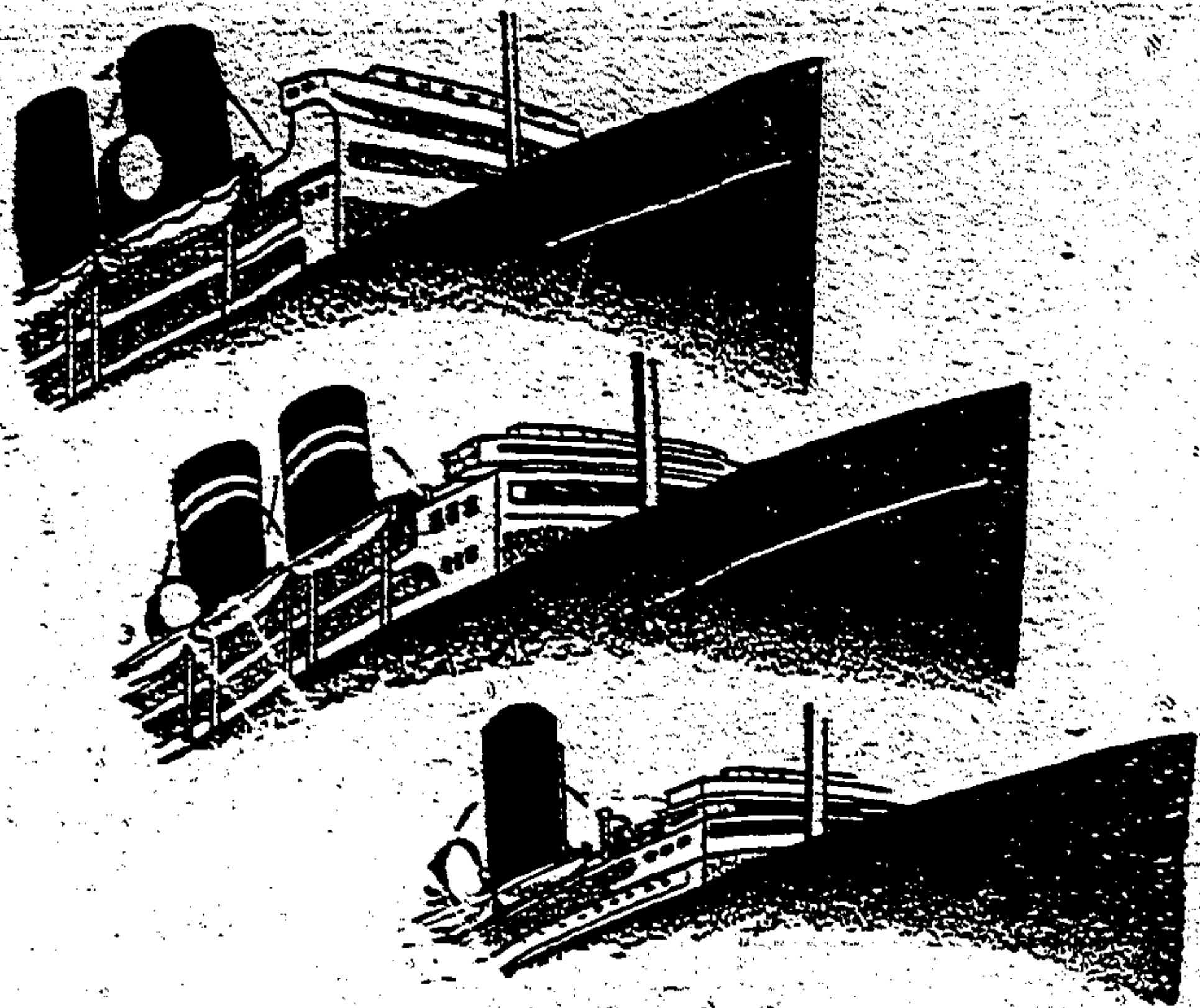
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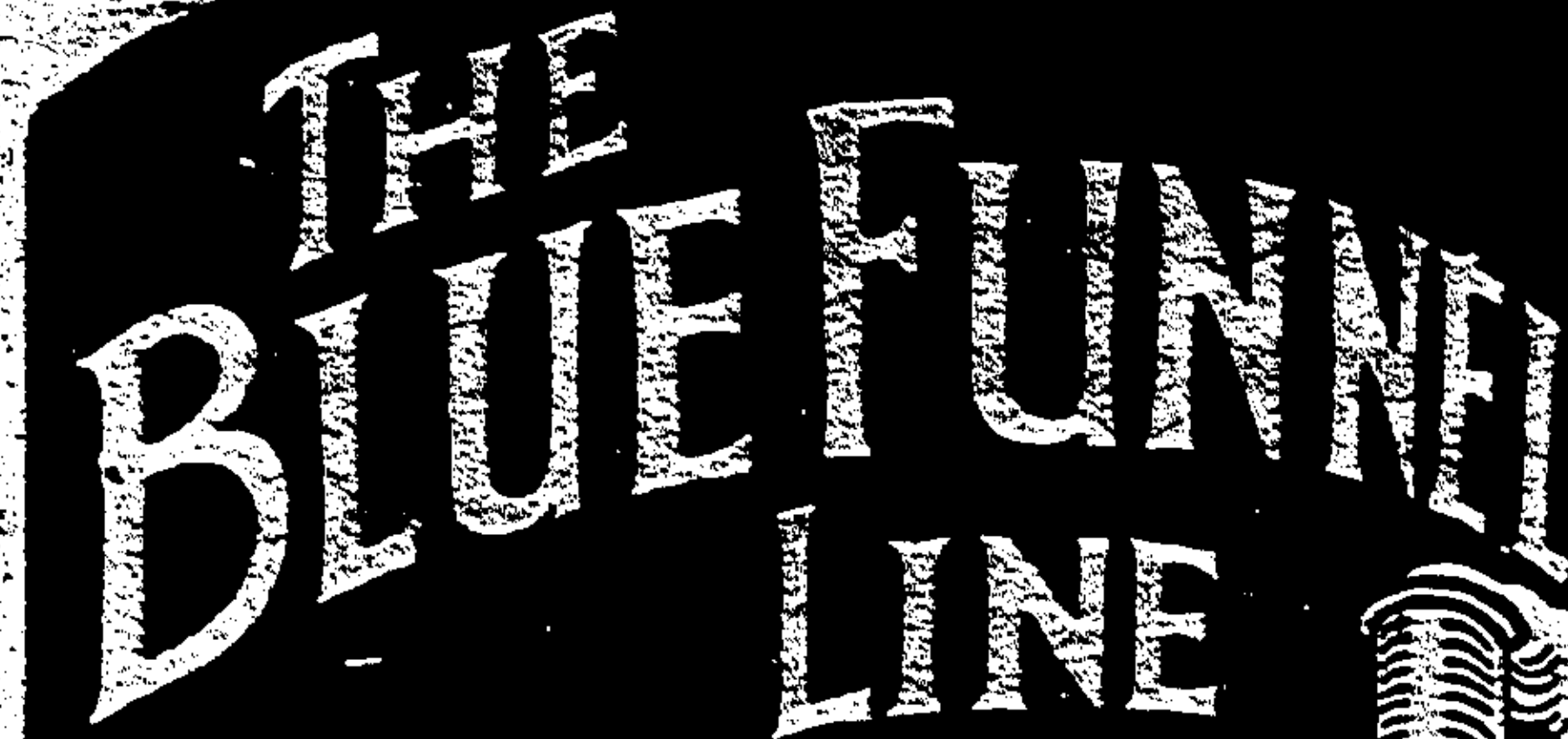
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## BASLE BANK MEETING

Basle, To-day.  
The administrative council of the Bank for International Settlements met for its November session here yesterday under the chairmanship of its new Governor, M. Georg Jansen.

Business during the past month, said the Chairman, was completely satisfactory, and the granting of export credits to banks of issue was progressing satisfactorily—Trans-Ocean.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-9/16 and "forward" at 19-1/2. The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0212 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$5.02%.

## SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan./March 22-5/8 b. down 5/8.  
April/June 22-7/8 b. down 5/8.  
July/Sept. 23-7/8 b. down 5/8.  
Market: Dull.

## CLUB "A" XV TO MEET TAMAR AND SMALL SHIPS

There will be a Rugby game on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, to-morrow at 5.00 p.m., when a Naval side, drawn from H.M.S. "Tamar" and Small Ships, will meet the Club "A" XV.

The Club side has been selected as follows:—

J. P. Whitham (Captain); D. Campbell, D. Hynes, D. B. Nelson, L. Lamert; M. G. Carruthers, J. R. Henderson; A. W. Holden, T. H. Pratt, J. G. Harvey, B. Hynes, M. F. L. Haymes, A. S. Olsen, W. Stoker and R. E. H. Nelson.

## DOLLAR LINE EMPLOYEE'S CONFESSION

Chong Fat, aged 34, an employee of the Dollar line was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the embezzlement of U.S.\$375 or \$3,100 Hong Kong currency while employed in the Company between October 1 and October 26.

Detective-sergeant Davis said defendant had been employed by the Dollar line as a secretary and stenographer for the past six years at a salary of \$160 a month. Part of his duty was to sell passenger tickets and receive the money for them. Between the dates mentioned in the charge, defendant sold ten third-class tickets to the United States, and received payment of head tax. He collected the money and on October 26, went to Mr. T. B. Wilson, the manager, and confessed that he had taken the money. He was given until yesterday to make good the amount but was unable.

In his statement to Police defendant said that on October 17 he took H.K.\$900 to redeem his wife's jewellery from pawn and on October 24 took another \$1,500 and went to Macao where he lost the money in fan tan. On the following day he took another \$600, which he also lost gambling in Macao. Defendant expects to raise the money from his wife, who is on her way to America by the President McKinley and who is expected to arrive there on Friday.

The defendant was remanded for a week.

## COMBINED SERVICES SOCCER TEAMS

The following will represent the "Combined Services" against "The Rest" on Thursday.  
Rowlands, (Fusilier); Webster, (Seaforth); Sheehan, (Middlesex); Jones, (Navy); McCusker, (Seaforth); Spiers, (Seaforth); Adams, (Seaforth); McQuigan, (Seaforth); Pearson, (Middlesex); Tippet, (Navy); Wallace (Navy).  
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### Rent Profiteering

[To The Editor, "China Mail"]  
Sir, May I voice, through the medium of your esteemed paper, a grievance on behalf of the lower and working class of people whose insignificant services, if not altogether unrecognised, are at least generally treated as trivial, but which as a matter of fact are the main man-power that make H. K. as it is. These people comprise the greater part of the community. Therefore I do sincerely hope the Chinese representatives in the Council will continue to do their utmost to impress on Government to realise the hardships of these people.

The influx of refugees encourages the landlords to demand an increase from 20, 30 even up to 50 per cent. on the original rental.

The diet of the working class chiefly consists of vegetables, fish, salt fish and perhaps a little meat. Recently the price of vegetables has increased by 400 per cent. i.e. from four cents per catty to nearly 20 cents, fish by 200 per cent., and beef and pork by nearly 50 per cent. How have the landlords a heart to tolerate any increase of rental when they should realise the irreparable high cost of living and the precarious condition of these poor people? May I remind them that Mercy and Charity are double blessings: They bless him who gives and him who receives.

The landlords may raise various excuses such as high consumption of water etc. to support their demands. Assuming that there is really higher consumption of water that does that warrant them to demand so unreasonable an increase of 30, 40 or 50 per cent.

During this time of tribulation is it not logical for everyone to suffer a little? Yet the sufferings of the well to do and landlords are trivial when compared with the poor and working class people. Is it humane for the landlords to retrieve their higher cost of living by imposing further hardship on the poor people in demanding an increase of rent?

Will Government take legal steps, which, though outwardly they may look despotic would in fact do a great right which would deserve the blessings of the poor, to forbid any increase of rental until the War in South China is over? As far as I know more landlords are serving notices to quit or demand an increase since 1st November.

Will our new Governor take steps to put a stop to this profiteering? Otherwise the demands for further increase will be proportionate with the coming development of the War in South China and the further influx of refugees.

J. S. S.

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## NEW RAILWAY PLANNED IN NORTH

Nanking, To-day.  
A comprehensive scheme has been mapped out by the Japanese for construction of a new railway linking Peiping and Jehol, according to Chinese reports received in the capital.

Large quantities of construction materials are stated to have been transported to Peiping from Manchuria, while efforts are also being made to recruit Chinese workers for the project.—Reuter.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

**BANKS**  
Hong Kong Bank \$1620 b., \$1630 sa.

**INSURANCES**  
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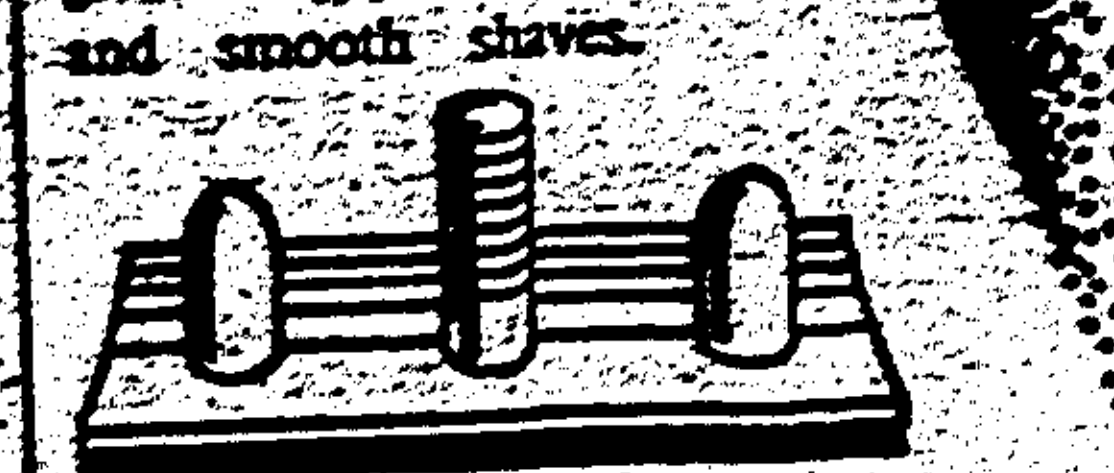
London, To-day.  
The War Secretary, Mr. L. Hore Belisha yesterday visited the Imperial Defence College, where the officers from the three defence services, the Indian Army, the Civil Service and the Dominions undergo courses of study.—British Wireless.

The P. and O. s.s. "Behar" left Singapore on Sunday and is due here on Friday at about noon.



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# CAER CLARK AND BRAUN CUP HOCKEY

## "STRIKING" SHOTS

(BY "STICKS")

Hockey players will be pleased to hear that David McLellan, former skipper of the European Y.M.C.A. hockey team, who played pivot for the Colony Civilians against Malaya and Macao several seasons ago, will again be wielding the hockey stick. He has trained up a boy's team, at the Central British School, and will shortly be turning out for the Y.M.C.A. in their half-back line. Should he prove a success again, he will no doubt relieve George Cox of his duties as pivot, enabling him to assume his correct position as an inside forward, preferably on the right.

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It is worthy of note that the Army did not hold a hockey trial in order to select their team for their first Triangular Hockey Tournament game against the Royal Navy, last Tuesday. It is also worthy of note that the team was comprised of four members of the Royal Engineers, one player from the Royal Corps of Signals and the entire Rajputana Rifles' forward line!

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Civilian hockey Club hon. secretaries are reminded to send in immediately to either Mr. G. T. Palmer or Mr. R. A. Bates, the names of players, and their respective positions, so that trials for the selection of a Civilian team to meet the Combined Services, can be held immediately.

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As far as I can see at the moment, the probable composition of the Civilian team to meet the Combined Services in their annual match will be comprised of:

M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.) in goal; A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and E. L. Gosano (Argonauts) full-backs; M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. B. Malik (K.I.T.C.) half-backs; F. Nolasco (Argonauts) or S. A. Fowl-

## EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. TO MEET MACAO NEXT SUNDAY

The first of the series of friendly matches between the Macao Hockey Club and teams from the Colony will be held next Sunday afternoon when the Portuguese Colony entertain the European Y.M.C.A., who hope to send the following team:

V. Benwell (in goal); L. Cox and F. L. Wallace (Captain) (full-backs); H. G. Lange, A. Cox and J. Fox (half-backs); H. Smith, G. Altung, W. H. Colledge, H. Kraus and A. F. Austen (forwards). Mr. R. Henderson will accompany the team as Umpire.

er (Club), Altung (Y.M.C.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Kraus (Y.M.C.A.), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) or Divert (Club) and either Narain Singh (Police), Wall (Police) or A. Angelo (Argonauts) forwards.

Unfortunately, as there is not much time left between the suggested date for the Interport (December 11) which will be held in Hong Kong this season, and the Combined Services versus Civilians match (November 21), the latter match may serve as an Interport trial, in which case, F. Nolasco and A. Angelo, the Argonauts' and Macao wingers, will not be eligible.

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In connection with the Interport match against Macao, I am informed that no answer to a request by the Hon. Secretary of the Association, to the Macao Hon. Secretary, relating to the date of the Interport match, has as yet been received. I understand that an early date was suggested by Macao, but that the local association have suggested putting the date back, because most of His Majesty's Naval ships will be away from the Colony during the suggested date (December 11)!

The Royal Naval Dockyard Police will encounter St. Andrew's ladies in a friendly hockey match at the Valley to-morrow afternoon commencing at 5 p.m. The following will represent the Police: Philpott; Whelan and Fox; Curry, Bulton and McAleese; Smith, Kemp, Montgomery, Kernaghan and Winlan.

## ON SATURDAY SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ST. ANDREW'S AND THE "Y" LADIES GOOD INTERPRETATION OF RULES FLEA

### YOUNGSTERS MUST BE CATERED FOR BY COACHES

(By "STICKS")

THE Ladies' hockey season will be in full swing next Saturday when the Caer Clark Cup and Braun Cup Leagues commence, and although only four teams have entered for the senior event, the series promise to be as interesting as in previous years, especially in view of the wealth of talent available.

HOLDERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP, HAVE NEARLY ALL OF LAST YEAR'S PLAYERS AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THEY WILL FIELD THEIR VERY BEST TEAM NEXT SATURDAY AS MISS MARIE SMITH, THEIR INSIDE-LEFT, IS CONVALESCING FROM A RECENT ILLNESS. IN THE CAER CLARK CUP SERIES, THE "Y" LADIES,

St. Andrew's Ladies are very strong this season, having recruited the services of many of the Diocesan Girls, who are not entering the Braun Cup this season, while the Central British Association Ladies and the Hong Kong Ladies are both moderately strong.

The "Y" Ladies' main problem at the moment is their intermediate line which is weak in comparison to former season. Miss Muriel McCaw's inclusion in the centre, however, will have a steadying effect on the other two players, Miss K. Tonge and Miss I. Buchanan.

With the return of Mrs. Read to the Colony, however, the "Y" Ladies could strengthen their intermediate line by playing her at centre-forward in support of Mrs. Burnett, moving Miss Bradbury

to the right-wing and transferring Mrs. Gardiner to the intermediate line. This should weaken their attack and will certainly strengthen their intermediate line.

The "Y" attack is the same as last season's with the above change "probable."

#### STRONG THIS SEASON

St. Andrew's Ladies should be well served both in attack and in defence this season as they have secured the services of several outstanding junior players from the Diocesan Girls School.

Although they have lost Miss Ruth Stevenson, from their full-back division, Miss E. Chang, former D.G.S. star, makes an admirable deputy and should continue to partner Miss Gertie White throughout the season. Before moving to the intermediate line I would like to suggest that where ever possible Miss June Hall be given a game with the first team as she was last year developing into one of the finest custodians in ladies' hockey in the Colony.

With Miss Jessie Wong, in the pivotal berth, and Miss Stella West, at left-half, the Saints have a fairly strong intermediate line whose only weakness at the moment is at right-half, where Miss Humphreys has not been showing up to her best form.

#### A SUGGESTION

St. Andrew's Ladies should make several changes in their attack. At the moment they have Miss Florie Wong, right-winger, and Miss Phyllis Githins, centre-forward and captain and Miss M. da Rosa, The latter, at inside-left has deteriorated considerably since last season and I suggest that Miss Mabel Churn, former D.G.S. star, be given

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## BRAUN CUP HOCKEY FIXTURES

The following are the Braun Cup fixtures for this season:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Recreio Ladies v C.B.S. "B"

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v Seaforth Ladies

(Murray Parade Ground, 3 p.m.)

St. Andrew's v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

C.B.A. Ladies v Recreio Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "B" v "Y" Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

Seaforth Ladies v St. Andrew's

(Murray P. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

"Y" Ladies v Recreio Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v St. Andrew's

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Seaforth Ladies v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.S. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Andrew's v Recreio Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.S. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v C.B.S. "B"

(Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1938

Seaforth Ladies v Recreio Ladies

(Murray P. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

St. Andrew's v C.B.S. "B"

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

C.B.S. "A" v Recreio Ladies

(C.B.S. ground, 2.45 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v "Y" Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

Seaforth Ladies v C.B.S. "B"

(Murray P. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

"Y" Ladies v St. Andrew's

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

Seaforth Ladies v C.B.A. Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

C.B.S. "B" v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.S. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

C.B.S. "B" v Recreio Ladies

(Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)

Seaforth Ladies v "Y" Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "A" v St. Andrew's

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Recreio Ladies v C.B.A. Ladies

(Murray P. ground, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v C.B.S. "B"

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

St. Andrew's v Seaforth Ladies

(Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

C.B.A. "A" v Seaforth Ladies

(Murray P. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Recreio Ladies v St. Andrew's

(Murray P. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "A" v "Y" Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "B" v C.B.A. Ladies

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Recreio Ladies v Seaforth Ladies

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "B" v St. Andrew's

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v C.B.S. "A"

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

C.B.S. "B" v Seaforth Ladies

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Recreio Ladies v C.B.S. "A"

("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

"Y" Ladies v C.B.A. Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

St. Andrew's v "Y" Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies v Seaforth Ladies

(Murray P. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

C.B.S. "A" v C.B.S. "B"

(C.B.S. ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

St. Andrew's v C.B.A. Ladies

(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

Recreio Ladies v "Y" Ladies

(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

Seven-a-side Date yet to be arranged

by Sub-Committee.



# FORUM RETAIN SOFTBALL LEAD

## GEORGE CHOW MAKES COSTLY ERROR

### Caer Clark Cup Fixtures For This Season

## FILIPINOS RUN AWAY FROM H.K.B.C.

### S. A. FOWLER'S DANGEROUS SWING

(By "Shortstop")

IN an uninspiring game on Sunday, the English Forum retained their lead in the Softball League by defeating the Canadian Chinese by six runs to five, after a 5-5 tie in the ninth inning. Tommy Young, of the Forum, played a very good game at second base, and was the mainstay of his team.

The Canadian Chinese, with five hits and five runs in their favour, made a good average, but lacked the final touch in the extra inning to emerge victorious. A muffed fly by George Chow, in the tenth, helped the Forum to score the much-needed winning run.

The Vets trounced the Central British to the tune of 20-6, in a one-sided match, marred by an accident to the Vets' catcher, Joe Yee, who was hit in the head by Fowler when the latter threw his bat back after making a hit. Yee had three stitches sewn over the wound and will now unfortunately be out of the game for some time.

The game between the H. K. Baseball Club and the Filipino Club was a run-away for the latter. The score of 13-6 showed, however, that errors were plentiful.

As no score was kept for this game after the third inning, it is impossible to give the detailed box scores. W. J. Fraser, the official scorer, had to be rushed home when he was suddenly taken ill and there was no one present who was competent enough to handle the score book. As Mr. Fraser is leaving on the Empress of Russia on Friday, to return to Canada, another scorer will be needed by the League. Any one desiring to aid the League in keeping scores will be welcomed.

The only official scoring for Sunday's games is the Canadian Chinese versus Forum match, and the detailed box scores are given below:

ENGLISH FORUM										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
T. Young 2B	5	1	3	2	1	1				
N. Young 1B	5	0	0	11	0	1				
Low 3B	5	0	1	0	2	0				
T. Chinn P	4	1	0	1	4	1				
W. Ching C	5	0	0	3	0	0				
W. Chew SS	5	1	1	0	1	1				
C. S. Chung CF	5	1	3	1	0	0				
N. Mar RF	3	0	1	0	0	0				
B. Quon RF	2	0	0	1	0	0				
Kitchell LF	4	2	2	1	0	1				
	43	6	11	20	8	5				

#### SCORES BY INNINGS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Runs	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	6
Hits	2	0	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	11

#### CANADIAN CHINESE CLUB

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
B. Ing 3B	5	0	1	0	3	1
G. Chow CF	1	1	0	0	0	1
J. Leo CF	3	0	0	0	0	1
A. Lee 2B	4	0	1	4	3	0
Woo 1B	4	1	0	16	0	0
G. White SS	5	1	2	1	0	0
E. Rumm RF	5	0	1	0	0	0
H. Quon P	4	0	0	1	2	0
DeGado C	3	1	0	1	0	0
G. G. Lee LF	4	1	0	0	0	0
	38	5	5	23	14	3

#### SCORES BY INNINGS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Runs	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	5
Hits	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5

Two base hits: T. Young, Kitchell, and B. Ing

### H.K. Boy's Amateur Football League

The following are the fixtures of the Hong Kong Boys Football League.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10	
Combined team	v St. Joseph's (Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.)
Seaforths	v Central British (Central British, 3.30 p.m.)
Wah Yan	v Diocesan (Diocesan Boys' school ground, 3.30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
Combined team	v La Salle (La Salle, 3.30 p.m.)
Seaforths	v St. Joseph's (Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.)
Wah Yan College	v Middlesex (Queen's College v Diocesan)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24	
Combined team	v Wah Yan (Recreio, 3 p.m.)
Seaforths	v La Salle (Central British v St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Queen's College	v Middlesex
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1	
Combined team	v Queen's College
Seaforths	v Wah Yan
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3	
Central British	v La Salle (Central British, 4.15 p.m.)
Diocesan	v Middlesex (Diocesan, 4.15 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8	
Central British	v Wah Yan College (Central British, 3.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's	v La Salle (King's Park, 3.30 p.m.)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10	
Combined team	v Diocesan (Diocesan, 4.15 p.m.)
Seaforths	v Queen's College
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15	
Combined	v Middlesex
Seaforths	v Diocesan
Central British	v Queen's College
St. Joseph's	v Wah Yan College (Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.)

	P	W	L	D	A	F	D
St. Joseph's	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
C.B.S.	3	2	1	0	15	8	4
La Salle	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
D.B.S.	2	1	1	0	6	5	2
C.C.	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
W.Y.C.	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Combined	2	0	2	0	4	14	0
Middlesex	3	0	2	0	2	13	0
Seaforths	2	-	-	-	9	4	0

#### LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	Pct
English Forum	4	4	0	1.000
Vets	5	4	1	.800
Filipino Club	4	3	1	.750
Canadian Chinese	4	2	2	.500
H.K.B.C.	4	1	3	.250
C.B.A.	3	0	3	.000
S. M. G. Co.	4	0	4	.000

Three base hits: Low.  
Base on balls: off Quon: 1, off Chinn: 9.  
Struck out by Quon: 1, by Chinn: 9.  
Umpires: Molthen and Osborne.  
Scorer: W. A. Smith.

The following are the Caer Clark Cup fixtures for this season:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
"Y" Ladies	v St. Andrew's (Y.M.C.A. ground, 3 p.m.)
H.K. Ladies	v C.B.A. Ladies (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20	
St. Andrew's	v H.K. Ladies (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4	
C.B.A. Ladies	v "Y" Ladies (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11	
St. Andrew's	v C.B.A. Ladies ("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1938	
"Y" Ladies	v H.K. Ladies ("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15	
St. Andrew's	v "Y" Ladies (C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)
C.B.A. Ladies	v H.K. Ladies (C.B.S. ground, 4 p.m.)



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22	
H.K. Ladies	v St. Andrew's (C.B.S. ground, 3.15 p.m.)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29	
FREE DATE FOR PLAYING OFF POSTPONEMENTS.	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
C.B.A. Ladies	v "Y" Ladies ("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
C.B.A. Ladies	v St. Andrew's (C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19	
"Y" Ladies	v H.K. Ladies (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
SEVEN-A-SIDE DATE YET TO BE ARRANGED BY SUB-COMMITTEE.	

## Caer Clark And Brawn Cup Hockey NEW SUBS. ARRIVE

### BELIEVED BETTER THAN 1937 BATCH

(By "Repier")

The new batch of subscription griffins ordered by the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the 1938 Annual Race Meeting arrived in the Colony yesterday morning by the special chartered Norwegian s.s. Norviken.

The ponies left Dairen, S. Manchuria, on November 1 and travelled direct to this port. There are 83 ponies in all and they appear to have weathered the journey without any ill effects.

Under the supervision of Mr. S. A. Slean, the Acting Secretary, Mr. Walker and Major F. Howe, landing operations were successfully carried out at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday from the Hongkong Electric Company's Wharf at North Point, the ponies being led away by stable boys, and eventually arriving at their new home without any difficulty.

### ABNORMALLY FAT!

It was the general opinion of those present that the new arrivals looked better than last year's lot, although many of them are abnormally fat, which defect will soon be remedied during the next few months training. On the whole, I believe that owners will be pleased with this year's importation, and keen racing may be anticipated at the annual Meeting. The Norviken also brought down 11 Griffins for the Season, Dunbar and other stables.

## CLUB HOCKEY ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the H.K.S.A. on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow:

I must confess that I have not witnessed much junior hockey, and must therefore reserve any comments on Brawn Cup teams for a more opportune occasion. I would like to say, however, that the Seaforth Ladies are very sporting to have entered the Brawn Cup competition with so little experience, although I am sure that the Rev. Williamson will soon make the ladies to forget their inferiority complex.



## GOLF STARTING TIMES

### R.H.K.G.C. Title Event Next Sunday

The qualifying round for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship and the ties for the Jasper Clark Cup, will be played at Fanling next Sunday, November 14.

The following are the starting times (O is Old Course, and N is New Course):

9.15 a.m. (O), and 1 p.m. (N), O. E. C. Marton v. I. W. Shewan.  
9.20 a.m. (O) and 1.05 p.m. (N), R. G. Parker v. E. T. McMullen.  
9.25 a.m. (O) and 1.10 p.m. (N), A. B. Purves v. F. A. Redmond.  
9.30 a.m. (O) and 1.15 p.m. (N), D. S. Robb v. A. E. Lissaman.  
9.35 a.m. (O) and 1.20 p.m. (N), Col. Blake v. Col. King.  
9.40 a.m. (O) and 1.25 p.m. (N), A. B. Raworth v. G. B. G. Hull.  
9.45 a.m. (O) and 1.30 p.m. (N), I. H. Geare v. I. R. Cramer.  
9.50 a.m. (O) and 1.35 p.m. (N), D. S. Edward v. T. R. Chassels.  
9.15 a.m. (N) and 1 p.m. (O), L. R. Andrewes v. T. A. Pearce.  
9.20 a.m. (N) and 1.05 p.m. (O), D. J. Gilmore v. R. Young.  
9.25 a.m. (N) and 1.10 p.m. (O), N. L. Smith v. I. Newton.  
9.30 a.m. (N) and 1.15 p.m. (O), K. S. Robertson v. W. J. S. Key.  
9.35 a.m. (N) and 1.20 p.m. (O), I. P. Tamworth v. R. L. D. Wodehouse.  
9.40 a.m. (N) and 1.25 p.m. (O), A. T. Lay v. N. D. Lloyd.  
9.45 a.m. (N) and 1.30 p.m. (O), Major Shannon v. J. B. Mackie.

### K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNEY

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Burnett (—15.3) entered the Final of the Kowloon Cricket Club Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Handicap Tournament yesterday at the K.C.C. when they beat A. W. Ramsey and Miss V. Bradbury (±1/6) 6—4, 4—6, 6—2, after having completed the first two sets last Wednesday. F. Grose and Miss R. Perry (—30) are the other finalists.

### JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION LIST CHANGES

The following are the latest alterations and additions to classification list date, March 16, 1937:—  
Australian ponies:—The Dunlin to "B" Class.  
China ponies:—Harvest View to "C" Class and Tyne to "C" Class.

### FAMOUS GOLFERS LOSE IN MIXED FOURSOMES

London, October 12.

Several distinguished partnerships failed to survive the first round of the Worplesdon mixed foursomes, which began yesterday. Miss Diana Fishwick and Brig-Gen. Critchley, who have won a number of similar events on the Continent, was one of the alliances to come to grief at the first fence.

Another was Mlle. Francine Totton, a French international and former champion, and Frank Penning, English champion. A third was that of Miss Worrit Wilkins, the well-known Essex player, and C. J. Anderson, former Middlesex champion, who were runner-up last year to Miss Wethered and the Hon. T. Coke.

### R.H.K.G.C. HOLD LADIES' ANNUAL MEETING

Lady MacGregor  
Captain Of  
Section

Lady MacGregor was elected Captain of the Ladies' Section, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at the annual meeting held in the Helena May Institute yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Gilmore presided and had the assistance of Mrs. J. W. Whyte Smith, Hon. Secretary, Mrs. N. Valentine, Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. Garner, Hon. Handicapper.

The following were elected to the Committee for the ensuing year: Mesdames Gilmore, M. R. Holmes, Mackintosh, Valentine, Garner, Whyte Smith.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said they again had a good balance in hand, though more had been spent on furnishing. Thanks were due to honorary officials and the committee which had worked in harmony, and especially to Col. Matthews for his kind advice.

## NO RUGBY RULES UNIFORMITY WELSH REFEREES AND 'POPULAR' DECISIONS THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE

(By Rowe Harding)

LONDON, OCTOBER 12.

IN SPITE OF THE ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY THE WELSH UNION TO ENSURE THAT REFEREES THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF THE GAME, THE INTERPRETATIONS PLACED UPON THEM BY SOME QUITE WELL-KNOWN REFEREES ARE DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO THE WORDS OF THE RULES THEMSELVES, AND TO THE CONSTRUCTION ADOPTED BY THE WELSH UNION IN THE VERY CLEAR AND FULL EXPLANATION WHICH THEY ISSUED TO REFEREES AND CLUBS LESS THAN A fortnight ago.

It will be a deplorable thing if, after all the pains that have been taken to ensure uniformity of interpretation in England and Wales, misconceptions should exist in the minds of Welsh referees about such elementary but important things as "offside," and the definition of a tackle.

### —They Say—

In a 70,000 crowd, I am certain there are hundreds of people who like the guidance of numbers in helping to identify players—W. Pickford, English F. A. President.

Doherty, the young Irishman from Co. Derry, always fascinates me. He is the outstanding inside-left in all the countries. With the ball tied to his feet he beats his man with the most graceful body swerve I have seen.—Frank Coles.

It was noticeable that Tommy Walker had discarded his former working across the field with the ball. He was keeping well back and sending the ball away with long passes much after the style of Alec James, from whom the inspiration may quite possibly have emanated.—Jonathan Oldbuck.

So you would like to be a speed-king? What's that?—You're a good driver, a fair mechanic and you think you've "got what it takes." Sorry, but you've got the wrong idea. Driving ability and mechanical knowledge are relatively unimportant compared with money. Unless you've got plenty of "jack" you'd just as well confine your motor racing to an occasional sprint on the local by-pass.—T. H. Wisdom.

Rugby is brilliantly spectacular. Badly played, of course, it is a bore, and it has never the fascination for the expert that Soccer has, because it is so much less spectacular. But played well between two capable teams, that have only just not lost their tempers, it makes a magnificent show. There is a reason for this. You can't pass forward at Rugby. As a result you get sweeping attacks in line formation, such as you seldom see at Soccer.—T. H. Hopkinson in "Night and Day."

Good golf requires controlled muscles and there is no trick in learning to control them—just intelligent exercising. I am not suggesting strenuous exercises to the busy man and a week-end golfer, al-

A wide-spread fallacy persists among Welsh spectators that if a man is in front of the ball, he must be offside, whether the ball was last played by one of his own side or by an opponent. Consequently, if after the ball has been heeled from a scrum, an opposing wing-forward intercepts a pass from scrum-half to stand-off half, an immediate howl of "offside" goes up from the spectators, even though the wing-forward had his feet behind the ball when it came out of the scrum.

### NO OFFENCE COMMITTED

There is immediately a similar howl if a player running back in defence intercepts ball thrown back by an opponent in front of him. In neither of the cases I have illustrated has any offence been committed, but the referee who does not give a penalty kick in those circumstances is the exception rather than the rule in Wales.

I sometimes have an uneasy feeling that the referee knows the rule perfectly well, but does not like to incur the crowd's displeasure by making a decision which is certain to be unpopular. "Well," you may say, "What a weak-kneed lot those Welsh referees must be."

Perhaps they are, but then it requires an awful lot of courage to make a decision which you may know to be right, but which 90 per cent. of the home crowd are convinced is wrong, especially if the match is one the home crowd are particularly anxious to win, and there are not many matches that home crowds in

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though that possibly would not be harmful, but rather such movements as could be done in a chair or standing by the fire. This is not much trouble—but for whatever trouble is taken there is a big reward. Practice in a net, although not ideal, is worth while. It is the bracing up to receive the hit that fortifies the muscles.—Henry Cotton.

The fact of the matter is that Rugby people take their game very seriously—rather too seriously.—A Dundee "Courier and Advertiser" writer.

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# BOROTRA KEPT IN COURT FOR NEARLY NINETY MINUTES

## DEEP SMASH HIS SAVING GRACE AGAINST PETERS

### SCHRODER'S GUN PRACTICE

(By A. Wallis Myers)

London, October 13.

**K.** SCHRODER and J. Borotra, two of the big three coveting the covered court tennis title, began their journey at Queen's Club yesterday. The Swede's opening set cost him but one game; the Frenchman lost his first set to love.

BOTH THESE DISTINCTIVE STARTS WERE PRELUDES TO VICTORY, BUT SCHRODER'S CONTEST AGAINST DERVILLE WAS MERELY GOOD GUN PRACTICE, WHEREAS BOROTRA WAS REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT HE IS THE BEST DEEP SMASHER ON COVERED COURTS SINCE GOBERT'S ERA IN ORDER TO DEFEAT ERIC PETERS IN FOUR SETS.

The old Oxonian has filched sets from Borotra before—two in one match on one occasion—but his play in the first set, which he won to love before the Frenchman had unlimbered his guns or forgotten that he was not flying over the Channel from Paris, was not nearly so creditable to his hand and head as his lead of 3-1 and 4-3 in the third set.

## COLONY MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

### ENTRIES INVITED

Entries are invited for the Open Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony to be held under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, commencing on or before November 27.

The following are the conditions of the tournament:—

#### CONDITIONS

1. The tournament will be conducted under the present rules of Lawn Tennis and the Rules and Regulations of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association.
2. Each competitor shall pay the sum of \$2.50 as the entrance fee.
3. The first round shall be played off on or before November 27, 1937. The other rounds except the semi-finals and the final shall be played off before December 11, 1937. The competitors shall make their own arrangements as to the ground on which the said rounds shall be played, but the first named pair in each bracket shall have the choice of ground.
4. The Semi-finals shall be played on the C.R.C. ground on December 18, 1937 and the Final shall be played on the C.R.C. ground on December 27, 1937.
5. The Tennis Sub-Committee of the C.R.C. may extend the time limit if they think fit on account of bad weather or other unforeseen occurrence.
6. For each match four new balls will be provided by the C.R.C. free of charge. The first named pair in each bracket shall apply to China Sports, No. 16, D'Aguiar Street for the balls.
7. Best of three sets shall be played in all the matches, and all results must be immediately sent in to the undersigned.
8. Suitable prizes will be provided for the winners and runners-up.
9. All entries shall be sent to the undersigned on or before November 20, 1937.
10. The draw which may be seeded by the Tennis Sub-Committee of the C.R.C. if they think fit will take place at the C.R.C. at 6.30 p.m. on November 21, 1937.
11. All disputes which may arise shall be decided by the Tennis Sub-Committee of the C.R.C.
12. The holding of this tournament is conditional on the receipt of not less

Peters was only allowed to take one more game, but he carried several others to deuce and made the last game of all one of the longest in the match. Considering that his service was quite unimpeachable and that he rarely used the volley—even as a surprise weapon, as it would have been in Peters's case—he did extremely well to keep Borotra in court for an hour and a half.

With Borotra arriving late, the match started in a cathedral light. Undisturbed, Peters found ready loopholes against a loose opponent, and in only one game of the opening set did Borotra have a game point. Then a fierce French offensive was launched, and the match squared beneath an avalanche of winning volleys, Peters contributing to the barrage by lobbing short.

#### SHREWD RALLIES

Borotra did not let down in the third set. Peters, bracing all round, played some very shrewd rallies and, by variation of pace and spin and using the diagonal lob to throw the volleyer back, deserved every one of his four games. And he nearly squared the set at five-all, fighting a long and tiring tenth game with great spirit.

Fine general that he is, Borotra did not make the mistake of withdrawing his pressure at the start of the fourth set. Instead, he was the volcanic volleyer most of the time, and serving with more speed than in any of the previous sets. He missed a few smashes under the arc lamps, but hit many beautiful winners; and now he should come through serenely to a semi-final with Austin.

The opposition to Schroder was scarcely strong enough to test the Swede's form, but he appeared to be in splendid physical condition and was hitting a very hard ball from any position.

than 10 entries and should a less number be received, the tournament will not be proceeded with and the entrance fees received shall be returned to the senders.



Jean Borotra, above, was extended for 90 minutes against E. C. Peters in the opening round of the Queen's Club Covered Courts Championship.

## ANNUAL INTER-SOCIETY GOLF ENCOUNTER

ST. GEORGE'S TO MEET  
ST. ANDREW'S ON  
NOVEMBER 21

THE annual Inter-Society Golf series between St. George Society and St. Andrew's Society will be held over the Fanling Courses on Sunday, November 21, the order of play being as follows:—

#### INTER-SOCIETIES GOLF MATCH Order Of Play

ST. ANDREW	ST. GEORGE
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3. D. J. Gilmore.	3. T. A. Pearce.
4. D. S. Gobh.	4. P. H. Scoones.
5. R. Young.	5. I. Newton.
6. J. Rodger.	6. E. K. Collings.
7. R. D. Walker.	7. G. B. G. Hull.
8. A. B. Purves.	8. R. L. D. Wodehouse.
9. W. J. S. Key.	9. G. H. Cauterly.
10. W. A. Stewart.	10. H. H. Mundy.
11. R. K. Valentine.	11. A. C. I. Bowker.
12. D. Forbes.	12. A. D. Humphreys.
13. E. W. Kirk.	13. N. L. Smith.
14. N. K. Littlejohn.	14. H. R. B. Hancock.
15. C. C. Stark.	15. J. Smith.
16. W. Sharp.	16. H. N. Williamson.
17. K. S. Morrison.	17. G. E. R. Divett.
18. P. Morrison.	18. E. D. Matthews.
19. D. J. Valentine.	19. G. W. Sewell.
20. J. R. Masson.	20. W. T. Yoxall.
21. T. Low.	21. W. Woodward.
22. J. Forbes.	22. C. W. E. Bishop.
23. E. L. Moxcraff.	23. J. D. Danby.
24. W. G. Robertson.	24. W. J. Waddington.
25. A. A. Bremner.	25. W. M. Barton.
26. G. A. Stewart.	26. S. A. Sleep.
27. J. G. Campbell.	27. J. E. Adams.
28. W. J. E. MacKenzie.	28. G. T. May.
29. A. H. McBride.	29. A. H. Penn.
30. J. A. D. Morrison.	30. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
31. E. M. Bryden.	31. S. T. Butlin.
32. V. R. Gordon.	32. J. R. Collis.
33. G. A. Leiper.	33. C. C. Willson.
34. R. S. W. Paterson.	34. H. Overy.
35. G. B. S. Thomson.	35. H. A. Mills.
36. A. Nicol.	36. H. T. Burton.
37. W. K. Robinson.	37. R. Stock.
38. W. Park.	38. P. C. Jackson.
39. A. Murdoch.	39. C. W. Jeffries.
40. J. Fleming.	40. I. C. F. Bellamy.

Any player, who is unable to play, is requested to inform without delay the Secretary of his Society.

## NO RUGBY RULES UNIFORMITY

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Wales are not particularly anxious to win.

### LEAST RESISTANCE

I once discussed this matter with a Welsh referee who knew the rules perfectly well, but admitted he sometimes took the line of least resistance, excusing himself by saying it was the same for both sides, any-

way. This misplaced tolerance, however, causes a lot of trouble when Welsh sides play in England; and it is high time the Welsh Union insisted on a proper interpretation of the rules.

Some at least of our legislators are present at most of the important club matches and must be aware of the "popular" interpretations. A polite note from the secretary of the Union to the offending official should have the desired effect. Now is the time to take action, hot-foot upon the publication of the Union's official interpretation of the rules.



# KING'S COLLEGE CAUSE BADMINTON UPSET

## ST. ANDREW'S AND RECREIO "B" OVERWHELMED

(By "ACE")

**B**OTH Club de Recreio "A" and the University "A" teams registered overwhelming victories in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night, when the season was officially opened with three matches, the third encounter being won by King's College.

St. Andrew's players lacked confidence, in spite of the fact that they were playing on a home court, while their newly-acquired talent in W. C. Choy did not play up to expectations. The Portuguese players won all nine games.

Recreio "B" put up a very hard struggle against the University "A", but found their guests too strong.

### KING'S COLLEGE'S WIN

Fielding a team comprised mostly of newcomers to the Colony, University "B" were beaten by 6 games to 3 by the King's College combination, at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium last night.

A. K. Phang was the only undergraduate who turned out for the University last season. He was partnered by M. S. Lim, who played a fine game in the forecourt. They were undoubtedly the best University pair and fully extended S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung, King's College's first string, before losing by 21 aces to 18. At one stage in this game they were leading 16-9, but the more experienced pair gradually made up their arrears to win the set.

### SLOW IN REAR COURT

Among the outstanding University players were C. S. Luke and K. H. Leow. The former displayed fine courtcraft his back-hand strokes being excellently executed. His partner, H. P. Ong, was however, too slow in the rear court.

H. K. Goh, another newcomer from Malaya, and D. Leow, gave W. M. Cheung and H. K. Lo a fright when they very narrowly beat the latter pair, the game being taken at 21-18.

The University players showed that they will do much better in the future. Last night's pairings were only an experiment as they had never played together previously.

King's College players were also in need of practice, specially their third string who did not combine as should have done. Even S. P. Chan lacked his previous form.

### THE RESULTS

#### ST. ANDREW'S LOSE

At St. Andrew's Church Hall, Recreio "A" beat St. Andrew's by nine games to nil:

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)

beat W. C. Choy and F. A. Broadbridge 21-7

beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 21-3

beat F. V. Wong and A. S. Bliss 21-9

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio)

beat W. C. Choy and F. A. Broadbridge 21-10

beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 21-9

beat F. V. Wong and A. S. Bliss 21-7

H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (Recreio)

beat W. C. Choy and F. A. Broadbridge 21-6

beat E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 21-3

beat F. V. Wong and A. S. Bliss 21-9

At King's Park, the University "A" team beat Recreio "B" by nine games to nil:

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (University)

beat E. A. R. Alves and N. Beltrao 21-12

beat E. de Sousa and A. E. Xavier 21-10

beat A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. L. da Silva 21-6

C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee (University)

beat E. A. R. Alves and N. Beltrao 21-4

beat E. de Sousa and A. E. Xavier 21-3

beat A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. L. da Silva 21-16

H. F. Kwok and T. F. Yong (University)

beat E. A. R. Alves and N. Beltrao 21-6

beat E. de Sousa and A. E. Xavier 21-12

beat A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. L. da Silva 21-11

At the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, the University "B" lost to King's College by 6 games to 3:

H. P. Ong and C. S. Luke (University "B")

lost to K. L. Lui and H. T. Wood 10-21

lost to S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 8-21

beat W. M. Cheung and K. H. Lo 21-12

A. K. Phang and M. S. Lim (University "B")

beat Lui and Woo 21-9

lost to Chan and Chung 18-21

beat Cheung and Lo 21-10

K. H. Goh and D. C. Leow (University "B")

lost to Lui and Woo 16-21

lost to Chan and Chung 2-21

lost to Cheung and Lo 18-21

## EDINBURGH ACADEMICALS TROUNCE CAMBRIDGE U.

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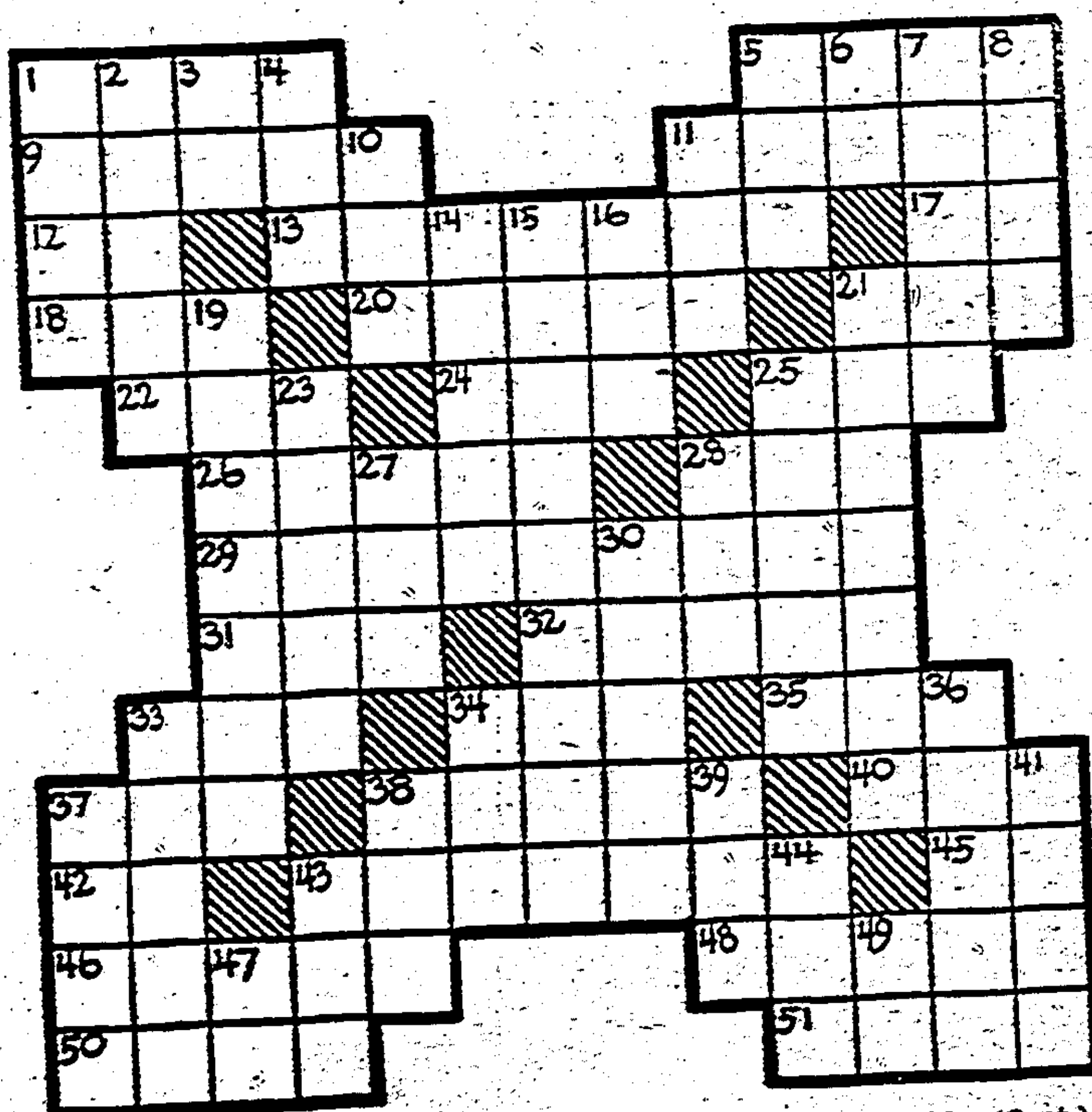
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Sailor's tale
- 5-The Orient
- 9-Turkish official
- 11-A flower
- 12-Musical note
- 13-Bed canopies
- 17-Southern State of United States (abbr.)
- 18-Cover
- 20-Seed
- 21-Edge
- 22-Recent
- 24-Unit
- 25-Century (abbr.)
- 26-Bristle (Surg.)
- 28-Historical period
- 29-Worker in wood
- 31-Some
- 32-Peruses
- 33-Answer (abbr.)
- 34-A title
- 35-Propeller
- 37-An insect

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38-To sift
- 40-Besides
- 42-Pronoun
- 43-Own
- 45-Six
- 46-A fruit (pl.)
- 48-Small candle
- 50-Blemish
- 51-Wan

## VERTICAL

- 1-Howl
- 2-Without delay
- 3-Prefix Backward
- 4-Snare
- 5-A letter
- 6-Near by
- 7-A number
- 8-English street-car
- 10-Material with a corded surface
- 11-Dexterity
- 14-A vessel

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Places for curling hides
- 16-A compass point (abbr.)
- 19-Discontinue at length
- 21-Rumor
- 23-Alleviate the affections of
- 25-A creed
- 27-Attempt
- 28-Greek letter
- 30-Coolness
- 33-Prank
- 34-Little girl
- 36-Carouse
- 37-Makes ill
- 38-Maritime signal
- 39-Superlative
- 41-Fatigue
- 43-By
- 44-Weakness
- 47-Mother
- 49-Father

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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### HYMANS REFUSES OFFER OF FOREIGN OFFICE

Brussels, To-day.

It seems that the former Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, will successfully form a new Cabinet in succession to the Van Zeeland Government.

M. Spaak is reported to have come to an understanding with the Catholics, Liberals and Socialists, and the new Government will probably consist of six Socialists, six Catholics, three Liberals and one Independent.

Only question, apparently, is who will take M. Spaak's place as Foreign Minister.

M. Paul Hymans, who formerly occupied the post, has declined.—Trans-Ocean.

### TRIPOLI AS VENUE OF EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Tripoli, To-day.

The twelfth Italian Eucharistic Congress will be held at Tripoli from November 10 to 15.

Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, has accepted honorary protes-

### BRITAIN'S INTERESTS ON THE RIVER

Warsaw, To-day.

Ridiculing reports that Japan might come to some arrangement with Britain for dividing China into two "spheres of influence," with the Yangtse as the dividing line, Colonel Takahashi, chief of the Chinese Department of the Japanese General Staff, yesterday forecast the possibility of further straining of Anglo-Japanese relations.

COLONEL TAKAHASHI HAS BROKEN HIS JOURNEY THROUGH POLAND IN ORDER TO GET INTO DIRECT TOUCH WITH POLISH MILITARY CIRCLES, AND MADE HIS STATEMENT TO THE ORGAN OF THE POLISH FOREIGN OFFICE, "GAZETA POLSKA."

Colonel Takahashi based his forecast of possible Anglo-Japanese tension on the fact that Japan was determined to fight "until the Nan-

torate of the Congress, which will probably be the most important demonstration of Catholicism ever held on African soil.

The special Legate appointed by Pope Pius, Cardinal Dolei, left Italy for Tripoli yesterday on board an Italian warship.

Also attending the Congress are a Patriarch, 16 Archbishops, 42 Bishops and six Apostolic Vicars.—Trans-Ocean.

### TAIYUANFU WEST GATE FALLS

(Continued from Page 1)

ders have now concentrated in the south-west of Taiyuan, where they are stubbornly resisting all attacks.

#### SURRENDER OFFER REJECTED

The Japanese communique pays a tribute to the bravery and resourcefulness of General Fu Tso-yi's men, and the usual prediction of early fall is conspicuous by its absence.

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Another opportunity to surrender was summarily rejected by General Fu Tso-yi this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Mr. Toyochi Nakamura, who was Consul-General in Canton until the withdrawal of all Japanese residents from the Kwangtung port, is proceeding to Hong Kong to replace Mr. Mizusawa.—Our Own Correspondent.

### NEW CRISIS IN SHANGHAI

(Continued from Page 1)

Soochow, the pivot of the Chinese defence system, is however likely to become the centre of severe fighting within a week or two, although Chinese troop movements latterly indicate the awareness of the Chinese command of the strategic possibilities in the critical situation.

The Chinese right flank is expected to swing right round until it rests on the Taihu Lake.

Fighting is now going on a mile from Sungkiang.

Soochow has been heavily bombed.—Our Own Correspondent.

### NEWS FLASHES

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### DEATH

HONNIBALL.—On November 9, 1937, at the Queen Mary Hospital, George Honniball, aged 66. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 to-day. Shanghai papers please copy.

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